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STANLEY A. HAMEL TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP AVAILABLE STARTING 2014

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Exciting news for seniors, recent alumni, and graduate students with an appetite to explore!

Stanley A. Hamel has donated money to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for the purpose of establishing a Traveling Fellowship, which will be coordinated by the UNH Office of National Fellowships.

The fellowship provides approximately \$4,300 for travel in Europe to graduating seniors, recent graduates, or (in cases where no eligible applicants in those categories apply) current graduate students.

According to the bequest, the purpose of the scholarship is for the recipient to be able to “observe and absorb the culture which influenced the United States history.”

The first round of applications will be accepted this spring, allowing the recipient to travel between May 1, 2014 and April 30, 2015. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2014.

Stanley A. Hamel was born in Haverhill, MA in 1927 and educated at Haverhill High School, the Governor’s Academy in Byfield, MA, and Harvard. Hamel served in the Korean War, and then returned to Seabrook, where he became actively involved with the New Hampshire, Old Newbury, and Exeter historical societies.

From 1965 to 1975, he served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, where he chaired the Transportation Committee. Hamel was also an avid fan of antique cars; he owned several and belonged to a number of antique car clubs. A traveling fellowship is therefore a fitting legacy for Hamel, who died in 2012 at the age of 84.

To be eligible to apply for the Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Fellowship, an applicant must be:

- A UNH graduating senior, recent (within 5 years) graduate, or currently enrolled graduate student (graduating seniors and recent alumni are given priority)
- Have a cumulative or final GPA of at least a 3.0
- Be proposing travel in Europe (western or eastern, including Russia) to last a minimum of 4 weeks between May 1, 2014 and April 30, 2015
- Possess or plan to develop some language facility relevant to the proposed itinerary

Selection criteria:

- Rationale for proposed travel/clarity of personal goals and objectives
- Feasibility and clarity of reasoning for proposed itinerary
- Evidence of motivation, drive and maturity/capacity for independent work/travel
- Academic preparation and record
- Graduating seniors and recent alumni given preference over current graduate students

Application packets are available from Jeanne Sokolowski, Office of National Fellowships (Jeanne.sokolowski@unh.edu).

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