

Sponsor/Title: Andrew Carnegie Foundation – Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program Class of 2027

External Link: <https://carnegie.org/our-work/special-projects/andrew-carnegie-fellows/>

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1) tenured individual and one (1) untenured individual

[Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing](#)

Internal Application Deadline: 2026-09-04

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-11-05 (anticipated)

Focus: Honorific award of up to \$200,000 to support humanistic and social scientific research over a 12-month or 24-month period, to help Americans understand how and why our society has become so polarized and what can be done to strengthen social cohesion.

Beginning with the 2027 cohort, the program is broadening its focus beyond domestic perspectives to explicitly ask what the U.S. can learn from the experience of polarization in other countries. We are seeking proposals that address the relationship between populism and polarization, how other democracies have resisted or reversed polarization, and the conditions that determine whether polarization dissipates or accelerates into systemic violence. Examples of these conditions include civic culture, social cohesion, access to information and a healthy information environment, economic opportunity, trust in and the effective functioning of public institutions, and the rule of law.

Some of the questions that the Foundation would like to explore are:

- What has been the relationship between populism and polarization in other countries?
- How have some countries managed to avoid polarization?
- What can we learn from countries that have undergone periods of polarization, such as South Africa, Colombia, and Northern Ireland?
- Under what conditions has polarization escalated into political violence?
- Under what conditions has polarization taken root/accelerated/declined in other countries?

The Fellows program jurors prioritize proposals' originality and potential impact, as well as capacity to communicate findings to a broad audience. For more, see <https://carnegie.org/our-work/special-projects/andrew-carnegie-fellows/>

Eligibility: The University may nominate one tenured individual and one untenured individual to apply. Nominees must be U.S. citizens or have legal U.S. permanent residency status. Please find additional details and FAQs [here](#).

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the documents to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/NvRj84gkiSrbdf8S7> by the internal deadline.

- Name of Principal Investigator (PI)
- Title of Research Summary
- Track Designation (Indicate tenured or untenured)
- Research Summary/Project Description (2-page maximum)
- Current CV

Internal Selection Process: In alignment with the Foundation's selection process for nominees, Notre Dame reviewers will prioritize proposals' originality, potential for impact (including impact beyond academic audiences), and past record of scholarly distinctions and awards relative to career stage.

Questions: For questions regarding the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, contact Suzanne DeGuilio (Foundation Relations) at sdeguilio@nd.edu; for questions regarding Notre Dame's institutional support for nominees, please contact Natalie Sargent (Provost's Office) at nsargent@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due September 4, 2026, by 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.