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ii One copy of an official TC transcript
iii Five copies of a curriculum vitae
iv Five copies of an essay providing an overview of the proposed work, including:
   a. The social, intellectual, and policy significance of the work;
   b. Explicit statement of a policy-research study that gives evidence of a significant social problem, clear conceptualization, and a grounding in theory;
   c. An integrated analytic framework that drives the purpose and the questions being asked;
   d. Documentation of feasibility of completing the policy-relevant research in a timely fashion;
   e. Evidence of research and policy skills, as well as relevant policy experience, leading to the successful completion of the proposed policy work; and
f. A plan to disseminate the research findings so that they can inform policy.

   ▪ This essay must begin with a cover page that includes your name, address, phone number, email address, student ID number, title of project, and a clear notation that the application is for a policy-relevant research fellowship.
   ▪ This essay must be no more than 5 pages (excluding cover page), double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font. References may go to a separate page. Please head each page with last name and page number.

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General Research Fellowship Applicants pursue basic and applied research spanning diverse disciplines. This research should concentrate on advancing knowledge and should show a strong likelihood of being accepted in the most well-respected research journals in the field of inquiry. The application must include:

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ii One copy of an official TC transcript
iii Five copies of a curriculum vitae
iv Five copies of an essay providing an overview of the proposed work, including:
   a. The social and intellectual significance of the research work;
   b. Explicit statement that gives evidence of clear conceptualization, and a grounding in theory and prior research experience;
   c. An integrated research framework, question, and methodology;
   d. Documentation of feasibility of completing the research study in a timely fashion;
   e. Evidence of research capability (e.g., combination of prior research experience, coursework, field experience, training, mentoring); and
   f. A plan for dissemination and publication.

   ▪ This essay must begin with a cover page that includes your name, address, phone number, email address, student ID number, title of project, and a clear notation that the application is for a general research fellowship.
   ▪ This essay must be no more than 5 pages (excluding cover page), double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font. References may go to a separate page. Please head each page with last name and page number.

Recipients will be notified by February 28, 2009

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