James B. Pearson, a progressive Republican who represented Kansas in the U.S. Senate for almost 17 years. Sen. Pearson championed deregulating natural gas, expanding international trade and reforming campaign finance.

James Blackwood Pearson was born in Nashville but moved with his family as a child to the Charlottesville area, where his father was a Methodist preacher. He spent two years as an undergraduate at Duke University before becoming a Navy transport pilot during World War II. From 1943 to 1946, he was stationed at Olathe Naval Air Station in Kansas. He returned to Kansas after receiving his law degree in 1950 from the University of Virginia.


As a senator, he was a member of the Appropriations and Commerce committees and served on the Foreign Relations Committee in the 1970s as the United States sought to end the Vietnam War.
Selection criteria

Selection is at the sole discretion of the selection board and may be based on the applicant's character, history of scholarship, financial need and the plan of study.

Application procedure

Please see one of the following offices at your higher education institution for an application: financial aid, academic affairs, graduate studies, or international studies.

A. Submit the completed application:
   - with a statement of your educational plans, including program of study, nature and purpose of foreign study, not to exceed five typed, double-spaced pages.
   - and a financial summary of your proposed studies which includes estimated expenses and available resources. Clearly indicate the sum you are requesting from the Pearson Fellowship fund.

B. Official academic transcripts for all of your collegiate credits;

C. Reference letters from two professors familiar with your academic work; and

D. A letter of endorsement for your Pearson project from your undergraduate or graduate (graduate preferred) adviser.

Please submit materials A-D to the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson St Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612 for review by the selection board. Applicants who are chosen for an interview will be contacted by the Board office for a personal meeting. Recipients are notified by the Board office either by phone or mail.

"Today, and in the decades ahead, one of our great challenges will be to avoid being so overwhelmed by the day by day crises that we lose sight of the broad sweep of world events and our objective as world leaders.

"With this in mind, we can recognize that one of the most significant developments in recent years has been the emergence of a global community. And this community is coming into being in spite of,

rather than to being in spite of, rather than because of, the foreign policies pursued by most nations.

"The United States can play a creative role in helping that global community develop if we avoid the isolation which our wealth and power might encourage, and I know it is in our interest to do so."

Senator James B. Pearson
March 1974
January 31, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Financial Aid Administrators and Graduate Office
From: Diane Lindeman
   Director of Student Financial Assistance
Re: JAMES B. PEARSON FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the James B. Pearson Fellowship for the 2020-2021 academic year. Established in 1979, the Pearson Fellowship provides financial assistance to graduate students with approved study abroad programs. The average stipend awarded is $3,000. More funding may be available depending upon the length of the projects, which normally range from 3 – 15 months.

Applicants must be a resident of the state of Kansas for a minimum of five years; be accepted to a graduate program at an accredited Kansas college or university; be pursuing, or plan to pursue, a program of study preferably related to foreign affairs. Appropriation fields of study include but are not limited to anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology. Research projects should link to the core objectives of the Pearson Fellowship Fund, which are the furtherance of scholarly study abroad to promote a global community.

An application is enclosed. Please forward to the appropriate Graduate departments. You may make copies for distribution to students on your campus. The application deadline is Friday, April 17, 2020. The final selection of Pearson Fellowship recipients will be announced in May.

If you have questions, or would like an electronic copy of the application, please contact Jamie Whitmore by email at jwhitmore@ksbor.org or by phone at (785) 430-4256.

Enclosure
JAMES B. PEARSON FELLOWSHIP

2020-2021 APPLICATION

FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY WHICH BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN MAY 2020
AND NO LATER THAN APRIL 2021

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

Kansas Board of Regents
James B. Pearson Fellowship
1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 520
Topeka, KS 66612-1368

BIOGRAPHICAL

Name: ________________________________________________

Social Security Number: _______ - _______ - _______

Phone No. (______) _______________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Place of Birth:

Driver’s License No: ___________________________ State Issued: _______ Date Issued: _______

Address: __________________________________________________________

City State Zip Code

How long have you lived at this address? __________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

RESIDENCY

When did you begin living in Kansas? Month __________ Year ______

How long have you lived in Kansas? ______ Have you ever lived outside of Kansas? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where and when? From: Month ______ Year ______ To: Month ______ Year ______

City, State, Country: ____________________________________________

Do you currently pay in-state resident tuition? _________________

Parent/Guardian or Spouse Information:

Name: ______________________________________________________ Phone No. (______) __________

Address: _____________________________________________________

City State Zip Code

Relationship: _____Mother _____Father _____Legal Guardian _____Spouse

How long has your parent/guardian/spouse lived in the state listed above? __________________________

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EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL: Name of School: ______________________ Graduation Date: ________
Address: ___________________________ City __________________ State ___________ Zip Code ______

COLLEGE: List all college degrees received, beginning with the degree you are currently seeking:

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PEARSON FELLOWSHIP

Topic of Study: ________________________________

Funding Request: ______________________________

When do you anticipate completion of your graduate studies? ________________________________

Do you plan to be a full-time student during the period of this fellowship? ___________________

At which Kansas college will you be enrolled in during this fellowship? ______________________

Where do you plan to study abroad?

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Have you been accepted for study at that institution? __________________________

Anticipated dates of study abroad: From ___________ To ___________

In what languages (besides English) are you fluent? ____________________________

APPLICATION PROCEDURE/SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Please provide a statement of your educational plans, including program of study, nature and purpose of foreign study, not to exceed five typed, double-spaced pages. The Pearson Fellowship Board is disinclined to fund straight-forward language studies. Committee members are looking for research projects that link to the core objectives of the Pearson Fellowship Fund which are the furtherance of scholarly study abroad to promote a global community.

2. Provide a financial summary of your proposed studies which includes estimated expenses and available resources. Clearly indicate the sum you are requesting from the Pearson Fellowship fund. The average stipend awarded is $3,000. More funding may be available depending on the length of the projects, which normally range from 3 - 15 months.

3. Attach official academic transcripts for ALL of your collegiate credits.

4. a. Provide reference letters from two professors familiar with your academic work.

b. Provide a letter of endorsement for your Pearson project from your graduate advisor.

5. Return this application and supporting information to the Kansas Board of Regents (address provided on the front page of this application).

End of Application