

Announcements

NATIONAL MINERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 1987-88

Nominations are invited for the National Mineral Awards instituted by Ministry of Steel and Mines and Coal (Department of Mines) for outstanding contribution in the fields of Earth Sciences, viz., Geology, Geophysics, Geochemistry and their applied aspects as detailed below :

Ten annual awards of Rs. 10,000 each will be given for work done in any of the following fields :

i) Mineral discovery of economic importance. ii) Mineral exploration work/project development/planning/mineral beneficiation. iii) Geology (fundamental scientific aspect) namely petrology, palaeontology, mineral physics, etc. iv) Applied Geology such as glaciology, engineering geology, environmental studies, marine geology, airborne mineral survey and instrumentation. v) Geophysics—Application of geophysical methods of study of earth's crust, mineral location, seismology, aeromagnetic/ground geophysical surveys. vi) Geochemistry. vii) Coal, lignite. viii) Oil and gas. ix) Dissemination of scientific information (publication, map-printing etc.)—Manuals/publications in various fields of geology—geochemistry, geophysics. x) Persons who have helped in increasing geological knowledge having national/international recognition through participation in scientific expeditions.

Nomination with full particulars should reach the Secretary, Geological Society of India by 30th Oct. 1988.

SMITHSONIAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS in History, Art, and Science

The Smithsonian Institution announces its research fellowships for 1989-1990 in the fields of History of Science and Technology, Social and Cultural History, History of Art, Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Materials Analysis.

Smithsonian Fellowships are awarded to support independent research in residence at the Smithsonian in association with the research staff and using the Institution's resources. Predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowship appointments for six to twelve months, and graduate student appointments for ten weeks are awarded. Proposals for research in the following areas may be made :

Earth Sciences : Meteoritics ; mineralogy ; paleobiology ; petrology ; planetary geology ; sedimentology ; and volcanology.

Applications are due January 15, 1989. Stipends supporting these awards are : \$ 25,000 per year plus allowances for senior postdoctoral fellows ; \$ 20,000 per year plus allowances for postdoctoral fellows ; \$ 12,500 per year plus allowances for predoctoral fellows ; and \$ 3,000 for graduate students for the ten-week tenure period. Pre-, post-, and senior postdoctoral stipends are prorated on a monthly basis for periods less than one year.

Awards are based on merit. Smithsonian fellowships are open to all qualified individuals without reference to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or condition of handicap of any applicant. For more information and application forms, please write : Smithsonian Institution, Office of Fellowships and Grants, 7300 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D. C. 20560. Please indicate the particular area in which you propose to conduct research and give the dates of degrees received or expected.