The Kirkland Fellowship is given to teachers in the Clinton Central School District with at least five years of teaching experience in the Clinton Central School District or another school district who seek to improve the effectiveness of their teaching to all students and to contribute to the advancement of teaching in our public schools.

The award may be used to attend a school, institute, workshop or training program to stay current of new developments in a particular field, to increase knowledge of a certain subject matter, for original research with intent to publish or to learn new teaching methodologies. The award may also be used for independent study or the implementation of a special project or curriculum not underwritten by an annual school district budget. It is hoped that there will be ample opportunity for teachers to benefit from the interaction and exchange of ideas with other professionals.

If you are applying for a travel program (other than to attend a conference, class, or workshop), include in your application the scholarly and/or research component. This could include but is not limited to conversations with scholars, tours with an academic focus, attending scholarly programs, etc.

For all applications, include a brief summary of the knowledge you will gain that is not possible through books or online research. Please describe any specific current class assignments that would be enhanced by your trip (and in what way), and/or ideas for future assignments that could be generated from what you learn from your trip. Please be as specific as possible.

The expectation is that the effects of the Fellowship experience would include refreshment and rejuvenation for the recipient as well as identifiable benefits for students in the classroom deriving from stimulus provided by the teacher.

The award is not intended to be used to meet the costs of obtaining a masters or doctorate degree. The Fellowship must be completed during the summer the same year as the award is made unless prior arrangements have been made at the time of application or special circumstances occur in which case the committee must approve any time changes.

The recipient of this award shall be determined by a five-member committee comprised of the District Superintendent of the Clinton Central Schools, a teacher designated by the Teachers Union, two members of the Hayes and/or Couper families and the Dean of Hamilton College or his/her designee.

Written notification of the award shall be given to all teachers in the Clinton Central School District (grades K-12) by the School Superintendent. Recipients of the award shall be designated “Kirkland Fellows.”

Teachers who are interested in applying should submit the following by Friday, May 12, 2023, to the Superintendent’s office:

1) An abstract summarizing what will be done with the grant award and how it will improve the applicant’s teaching skills and contribute to the advancement of teaching in our public schools.
2) A detailed budget outlining expenses of the project or training.

In the case of several strong applications, priority will be given to applicants who have never received a Kirkland Fellowship or have only received the award one time previously. While fellowship awards have averaged about $2,000, greater amounts have been given for outstanding proposals.
Decisions will be rendered June 2023. Upon completion of training and/or study made possible through this stipend, Kirkland Fellows will be expected to provide by October 1 a brief written summary of how their teaching skills have been enhanced and expanded. It is also anticipated that members of the selection committee for the Kirkland Fellowship will have an opportunity to meet informally with Kirkland Fellows to discuss further the ideas, issues, knowledge, and benefits derived from such study or training.

Questions should be directed to Ally Campbell, Fund Administration Coordinator, The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, 315-735-8212 or acampbell@foundationhoc.org.