

The American Friends of Coubertin have announced the availability of training fellowships for September 2015 -July 2016 in woodwork, metalwork, and stonework at the Coubertin Foundation outside Paris, France. Applicants should have at least 2 or 3 years post-apprenticeship work experience in their craft, be accomplished and seeking master skills. The deadline for applying is January 31, 2015, but we encourage early applications and correspondence indicating an intention to apply.

The Coubertin Foundation ( [www.coubertin.fr](http://www.coubertin.fr) < <http://www.coubertin.fr/> > ) is a registered public charity in France dedicated to the preservation and advancement of traditional crafts by combining education and production and has been in operation for more than 50 years. Training and experience for selected craftsmen is provided through the activities of Ateliers Saint-Jacques, which competes in the marketplace for historical restoration projects as well as new commissions from individuals and corporations, and thus provides trainees with a real working environment.

## Curriculum

Fellowships last 11 months (from September to July). Fellows undertake to attend workshop sessions, classes, lectures and other cultural activities. Classes and lectures represent over 1000 hours over the course of the fellowship.

The program includes:

- work in the workshops
- professional training in their relevant trade (technology, drafting, workshop organization)
- classes in French language and general culture open to the modern world
- instruction in how to teach one's own craft
- free-hand drawing, history of architecture and styles
- modeling and casts
- perspective and proportions
- basics of management and accounting
- mathematics and mechanics of materials
- foreign languages (English, German)
- computer skills and CAD
- artistic heritage
- weekly lectures on cultural topics
- visits of monuments, museums, exhibits
- live performances (theater and music)

## Material Conditions

Fellows receive room and board on-site at Coubertin. Their productive work in the workshops is paid, which ensures a minimum monthly income of € 500. All fellows without exception receive health and insurance and workers compensation coverage.

## General Requirements

Fellows should be between the ages of 21 and 29, and have at least 3 years of professional experience, preferably as part of a workshop or firm, beyond their apprenticeship.

The fellowships are enabled through American Friends of Coubertin, a U.S. 501(c)(3) charitable organization based in Chicago.

The deadline for application is January 31, 2015.

Please consult our website for details and an application form at [www.afcoubertin.org](http://www.afcoubertin.org) < <http://www.afcoubertin.org/> >

For more information, please contact us at [board@afcoubertin.org](mailto:board@afcoubertin.org)

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Thank you.

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