(2) The Constitution itself, its framing, the history and principles upon which it is based, its ratification, the Federalist Papers, Anti-Federalist writings, and the Bill of Rights;

(3) The historical development of political theory, constitutional law, and civil liberties as related to the Constitution;

(4) Interpretations of the Constitution by the Supreme Court and other branches of the federal government;

(5) Debates about the Constitution in other forums and about the effects of constitutional norms and decisions upon American society and culture; and

(6) Any other subject clearly related to the framing, history, and principles of the Constitution.

(c) If a master’s degree program in which a Fellow is enrolled requires a master’s thesis in place of a course or courses, the Fellow will have the option of writing the thesis based on the degree requirements. The preparation of a master’s thesis should not add additional required credits to the minimum number of credits required for the master’s degree. If a Fellow must write a thesis, the topic of the thesis must relate to subjects concerning the framing, principles, or history of the United States Constitution. If the Fellow can choose between two degree tracks, a thesis track or a non-thesis track, the Foundation in general, requires the non-thesis track.

§ 2400.47 Summer Institute’s relationship to fellowship.

Each year, the Foundation normally offers during July a four-week graduate-level Institute on the principles, framing, ratification, and implementation of the United States Constitution and
at an accredited university in the Washington, DC, area. The Institute is an integral part of each fellowship.

§ 2400.48 Fellows’ participation in the Summer Institute.

Each fellow is required as part of his or her fellowship to attend the Institute (if it is offered), normally during the summer following the Fellow’s commencement of graduate study under a fellowship.

§ 2400.49 Contents of the Summer Institute.

The principal element of the Institute is a graduate history course, “Foundations of American Constitutionalism.” Other components of the Institute include study visits to sites associated with the lives and careers of members of the founding generation.

§ 2400.50 Allowances and Summer Institute costs.

At the Foundation’s discretion, Fellows may be paid an allowance to help offset income foregone by their required attendance. The Foundation also funds the costs of the Institute and Fellows’ round-trip transportation to and from the Institute site. The costs of tuition, required fees, books, room, and board entailed by the Institute will be paid for by the Foundation directly but may be offset against fellowship award limits if the credits earned for the Institute are included within the Fellows’ degree requirements.

§ 2400.51 Summer Institute accreditation.

The Institute is accredited for six graduate semester credits by the university at which it is held. It is expected that the universities at which Fellows are pursuing their graduate study will, upon Fellows’ satisfactory completion of the Institute, accept these credits or their credit-hour equivalent upon transfer from the university at which the Institute is held in fulfillment of the minimum number of credits required for Fellows’ graduate degrees. Satisfactory completion of the Institute will fulfill 6 of the Foundation’s 12 semester credits required in graduate study of the history and development of the Constitution. Fellows, with the Foundation’s assistance, are strongly encouraged to make good faith efforts to have their universities incorporate the Institute into their Plan of Study and accept the 6 Institute credits toward the minimum number of credits required for their master’s degrees.

Subpart F—Fellowship Stipend

§ 2400.52 Amount of stipend.

Junior and Senior Fellowships carry a stipend of up to a maximum of $24,000 pro-rated over the period of Fellows’ graduate study. In no case shall the stipend for a fellowship exceed $12,000 per academic year. Within this limit, stipends will be pro-rated over the period of Fellows’ graduate study as follows: a maximum of $6,000 per academic semester or trimester of full-time study, and a maximum of $4,000 per academic quarter of full-time study. Stipends for part-time study will be pro rata shares of those allowable for full-time study.

§ 2400.53 Duration of stipend.

Stipends for Junior Fellowships may be payable over a period up to 2 calendar years of full-time graduate study, and those for Senior Fellowships may be payable over a period of not more than 5 calendar years of part-time graduate study, beginning with the dates under which Fellows commence their graduate study under their fellowships. However, the duration of stipend payments will be subject to the maximum payment limits, the length of award time limits, and the completion of the minimum degree requirements, whichever occurs first. A waiver of the time limit may be given for full-time students who require more than 36 credit hours or 54 quarter hours to complete their approved degree.