

JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

2011-2012

Applications must be received by: January 14, 2011

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. As one of the world's leading think tanks specializing in international affairs, the Endowment conducts programs of research, discussion, publication and education. The Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment is designed to provide a substantive work experience for students who have a serious career interest in the area of international affairs. Approximately 8-10 students will be hired to work at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, DC on a full-time basis for a period of one year.

ASSIGNMENTS: Junior Fellows provide research assistance to scholars working on Carnegie Endowment's projects such as nuclear policy, democracy building, energy and climate issues, international economics, international security, Middle East studies, South Asian politics, Asia and China-related issues, and Russian and Eurasian affairs. Junior Fellows have the opportunity to conduct research for books, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony and organize briefings attended by scholars, activists, journalists and government officials.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be nominated by an official of their university who has been designated for this purpose (usually the career placement officer or academic department chairperson). A listing of participating universities and nominating officials may be found at www.carnegieendowment.org. Applications are accepted only from graduating college seniors or individuals who have graduated within the past academic year. No one will be considered who has started graduate studies (except those who have recently completed a joint bachelors/masters degree program). Applicants should have completed a significant amount of course work related to their discipline of interest. Language and other skills may also be required for certain assignments. The selection process for the Junior Fellows Program is very competitive. Accordingly, applicants should be of high academic quality.

APPLICATION PROCESS: All application materials must be received by the Carnegie Endowment by the deadline. Colleges/universities generally set earlier deadlines. Applicants should consult their designated nominating official concerning nominations, since no university is permitted to nominate more than two students each year. Finalists in the selection process will be invited for personal interviews in the spring. Selection decisions will be made no later than March 31st.

DURATION: All fellowships begin on August 1, 2011. Junior Fellows are hired for a period of approximately one year.

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SALARY AND HOUSING: The monthly salary is \$3,000.00 (equivalent to \$36,000 annually) subject to federal, state and local taxes. A generous benefits package is provided, including medical, dental and life insurance as well as vacation leave. Junior Fellows are responsible for their own housing arrangements.

All of the following must be **received** via the designated nominating official no later than January 14th:

- Application form.
- Essay (one page or less, double-spaced) on why the student would like to become a junior fellow.
- 1-2 page resume.
- Two recommendations.
- Transcript of undergraduate records. The transcript may be unofficial.
- An essay of no more than three (3) typewritten, double-spaced pages on one of the following topics. These topics are intended to test skills in analysis, logic, and written expression. The essays should be thought pieces, not research papers. Students should submit an essay related to their primary research program interests, although the Carnegie Endowment may ultimately select an applicant for a program outside of his/her designated primary interest or make an assignment to more than one program.

Applicants must respond to the question pertaining to the program to which they are applying.

- A. Democracy/Rule of Law Program.** The global stagnation of democracy of the past decade is likely to worsen in the decade ahead, with more countries slipping backwards democratically alternative ideologies gaining force, and established democracies losing political self-confidence. Do you agree or disagree and why?
- B. Middle East Program.** Much writing appearing after the Gaza flotilla incident suggests that there has been a realignment of alliances in the Middle East, not only concerning Turkey, but other countries as well. The region appears to be in flux. Discuss the most significant changes taking place and their possible implications for the United States.

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- C. Nuclear Policy Program.** By the year 2015 do you think there will be more than the current nine countries with nuclear weapons? If so, which ones, and why? If not, why are people who fear this wrong?
- D. Russia/Eurasia Program.** The former Soviet region has been the focus of tensions between and among the United States, Europe and Russia for two decades, with hot button issues over trade, borders, citizenship, NATO and EU expansion, and “spheres of influence”. What concrete steps can be taken by each side of reduce these tensions?
- E. Asia Program.** In 2005, former U.S. Deputy of State Robert Zoellick coined the term “responsible stakeholder” to describe the type of role that China should play in the international system. How would you define this term? In looking at China’s behavior since 2005, would you say that China is indeed a responsible stakeholder today? Why or why not? What will determine China’s ability and willingness to play this role in the future?
- F. South Asia Program.** What is the best U.S. strategy for defeating terrorism emanating from Pakistan?
- G. Energy & Climate Program.** With the increasingly manifest difficulty in getting 192 nations to agree on a “global deal” for capping greenhouse gas emissions, policy leaders are now looking for other negotiating frameworks and alliances such as a more sector-based approach or a regional approach to climate protection (G-20, Major Economies Forum, 10 top emitters, etc.). However, that means leaving some countries out of these various frameworks, which creates a whole new set of problems. What are some options for moving forward to generate action to reduce GHG globally?

All of the above materials should be forwarded by the designated university official by **January 14, 2011** to:

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Questions concerning the above requirements and the Junior Fellows Program should be addressed to Lynne Sport in Human Resources at (202) 939-2221 or jrfellowinfo@ceip.org.