

JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

2010-2011

Applications must be received by: January 15, 2010

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 non-proliferation, democracy building, Middle East political reform, energy and climate change, economics, international security, South Asian politics, 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. Applicants should have completed a significant amount of course work in international affairs, political science, economics, history, Russian, Chinese or Middle East studies. 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 no later than January 15, 2010. 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 2, 2010. Junior Fellows are hired for a period of approximately one year.

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SALARY AND HOUSING: The monthly salary is \$2,916.66 (equivalent to \$35,000 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 15th:

- 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.** Given the sobering state of global democracy and the complex array of different U.S. interests abroad, the Obama administration should hew to a minimalist line on promoting democracy abroad. Agree or disagree?
- B. Middle East Program.** Political reform in the Arab world is faltering. As a result should the Obama administration a) give up on attempts to promote democracy in the region or b) redouble efforts to promote reform and devise more effective democracy promotion strategies?
- C. Nonproliferation 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?

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- D. Russia Program.** Differences between the U.S. and Russia over development of the states in the former Soviet region and the relationships between these states and the Europe of the EU and NATO have generated some of the most difficult issues in relations between the United States and Russia. What is the origin of this tension and what steps might be undertaken to ameliorate it in the future?
- E. Central Asia Program.** The Obama Administration has made a "reset" in relations with Russia a key objective for the United States in Eurasia. What are the prospects for achieving a more productive relationship with Russia and what are the challenges that will face American leaders in redefining U.S.-Russia relations?
- F. China Program.** The United States must maintain a clear position of military predominance and political/economic leadership throughout the entire Asia-Pacific maritime region in order to protect its vital national interests in the face of China's rise. Do you agree or disagree with this proposition? Explain why.
- G. South Asia Program.** What is the best U.S. strategy for defeating terrorism emanating from Pakistan?
- H. Energy & Climate Program.** One of the major obstacles to deploying new clean technologies revolves around intellectual property rights. What is the appropriate level of technology transfer between countries? How can we balance the need to incentivize new research and development with the need to keep costs for new technology low?
- I. U.S. Role in the World Program.** Is America in decline as a world power?

All of the above materials should be forwarded by the designated university official by **January 15, 2010** to:

Junior Fellows Program
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
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Washington, DC 20036

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.