

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT

FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM 2010-2011

Applications must be emailed as electronic attachments to Dean Goldberg at goldbeja@lafayette.edu by December 1st, 2009

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) 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 CEIP is designed to provide a substantive work experience for students who have a serious career interest in the area of international affairs.

Approximately 8 to 10 students will be hired to work at CEIP in Washington, DC on a full-time basis for a period of one year.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Junior Fellows provide research assistance to scholars working on CEIP projects such as nonproliferation, democracy building, Middle East political reform, energy & climate change, economics, international security, South Asian politics, China related issues, and Russian & 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 Dean Goldberg at Lafayette College. As the selection process is extremely competitive, applicants must be of high academic quality.
- Applicants are accepted only from graduating seniors or from those who have graduated within the past academic year.
- Anyone who has started graduate studies is ineligible.
- Applicants may be citizens of any country.
- Applicants should have completed a significant amount of coursework in international affairs, government & law, economics, history, Russian, Chinese or Middle East studies.
- Language and other skills may also be required for certain assignments.

DURATION:

All fellowships begin on August 2nd, 2010.

Junior Fellows are hired for a period of approximately one year.

SALARY & 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

All application materials must be received as email attachments by Dean Goldberg (goldbeja@lafayette.edu) by December 1st, 2009.

The College is permitted to nominate only 2 candidates for the Junior Fellows Program.

CEIP will notify finalists in the spring. Selection decisions will be made no later than March 31st, 2010.

To Apply Submit the Following to Dean Goldberg as email attachments by December 1st:

- Application Form
- Essay (1 page or less, double-spaced) on why you would like to become a Junior Fellow
- Resume/CV (1 to 2 pages only)
- Transcripts
- Two strong letters of recommendation
- Program Topic Essay (up to 3 pages, double-spaced) on one of the following topics (see below). The essay is intended to test skills in analysis, logic, and written expression. The essay is a “thought piece” not a research paper. It is like an OP ED found in the NYT or Economist or WSJ.

Select a topic related to your primary research program interests. This said, CEIP may ultimately select an applicant for a program outside of his/her designated primary interest or make an assignment to more than one program.

- A. Democracy/Rule of Law Program: “Given the sobering state of global democracy and the complex array of different US 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?”
- D. Russian Program: “Differences between the US 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 US 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 US 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 US-Russia relations?”
- F. China Program: “The US 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 US strategy for defeating terrorism emanating from Pakistan?”
- H. Energy & Climate Program: “One of the major obstacles to deploying new clear 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. US Role in the World Program: “Is America in decline as a world power?”

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.