Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program 2010

The Program

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program provides nonprofit sector leadership training through seminars, applied research and mentorships. The program is open to young scholars and practitioners from outside the United States who are interested in building Third-Sector capacity in their home countries or regions. Fellows are based at The Graduate Center of The City University of New York, where they design and pursue an individualized research project and participate in a seminar with Third-Sector leaders. The Center determines the program's topics of focus each year.

Fellows will participate in a 3-month seminar (Monday March 1 to Friday May 28, 2010) on the U.S. and international voluntary sectors. They will learn about the work of key agencies and meet with foundation leaders and other nonprofit representatives. They will also attend selected workshops or conferences.

Fellows are expected to produce a 25-page research paper on their findings, which will be presented in the seminar. The research topic for applicants to the 2010 Emerging Leaders Program is community foundations. A limited number of fellowships for research on diaspora or corporate philanthropy may also be available.

Each fellowship award covers the cost of tuition. As part of the award, the Center will also provide *single-room dormitory accommodations* with shared facilities at International House (adjacent to Columbia University), economy round-trip air travel to and from New York City and a generous stipend (taxable) to help cover research-related and additional living expenses.

Tuition-based appointments may also be made, pending approval by the selection committee. Tuition information is available upon request.

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Eligibility and Selection

The program is open to practitioners and researchers under the age of 36 who are citizens of countries other than the United States. Applicants must hold a college or university degree and speak and write English fluently. In addition, preference will be given to candidates who are have strong professional ties to a community foundation, grantmaking NGO or other Third-Sector institution, and who have demonstrated research skills.

To apply, prospective candidates should click <u>here</u> or visit http://CPCS.ELIFP2010.sgizmo.com and follow the instructions.

Application materials must be received no later than Thursday September 3, 2009. The selection will be made by a committee of leaders from the voluntary sector. Notification of awards will be made no later than Friday October 30, 2009.

For updates and additional information on the program, please visit our website, www.philanthropy.org. Please send queries to cpcs@gc.cuny.edu and indicate "ELIFP 10" in the subject line.

The Center

Founded in September 1986, the Center's mission is to strengthen philanthropy and civil society through education, research and leadership training. Located amid the nation's largest concentration of foundations, corporate donors and local, national and international nonprofit organizations, the Center serves as a base for research and ongoing interchange among scholars and practitioners in the field.

The Center's activities are interdisciplinary, with an emphasis on multicultural, women's and international philanthropy. Within this framework, the Center offers a varied format of seminars, symposia, conferences, research projects, fellowships, courses, working papers and publications.

Center Director

Kathleen D. McCarthy, the Center's founding Director, received her Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago and joined the history faculty of The Graduate Center of The City University of New York in 1986. She is the author of *American Creed: Philanthropy and the Rise of Civil Society, 1700-1865* (University of Chicago Press, 2003) and *Women's Culture: American Philanthropy and Art, 1830-1930* (winner, ARNOVA Distinguished Book Award), as well as many other books, edited volumes and articles on local, national, and international philanthropy; and has lectured on these topics worldwide.

Dr. McCarthy has served as Visiting Research Fellow with the Rockefeller Foundation; a consultant to The Ford Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities; Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Life Foundation; President of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action; a member of the boards of Independent Sector and the International Society for Third-Sector Research and the advisory boards of the National Center on Nonprofit Law at New York University and the Rockefeller Archive Center; and a member of the Editorial Board of VOLUNTAS. She was also a member of the informal planning group of, and delegate to, the first White House Conference on Philanthropy in 1999.