

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT

FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

Junior Fellows Program

2012-13

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JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

2012-2013

Applications must be received by: January 13, 2012

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 the Carnegie Endowment's projects: nuclear policy, democracy building, energy and climate issues, international economics, international security, Middle East studies, South Asian politics, Southeast 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 an 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 bachelor's/master's 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 may 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, 2012. Junior Fellows are hired for a period of approximately one year.

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 13, 2012**:

- 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 Program.** Public condemnations of human rights abuses, economic sanctions, and other forms of punishment and distancing are not effective ways to support democracy in autocratic countries. The United States should instead seek to promote evolutionary democratic change in dictatorships by supporting societal engagement, educational exchanges, diplomatic engagement, etc. Do you agree or disagree and why?
- B. 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?
- C. Energy & Climate Program.** With climate change an increasingly present reality, the need to reduce carbon emissions also mounts. One obvious strategy is to price carbon emissions at their externalized marginal cost to society. Yet, with a cap-and-trade bill politically off the table, and anti-tax sentiment in the nation's capital running high, new taxes that increase consumer tax obligations are also not in favor. What are some options for moving forward with a domestic carbon pricing given these constraints, and how could they be structured to make them more acceptable across the political spectrum?
- D. International Economics.** In an increasingly globalized international economy, nations interact in many ways, though four arenas appear to be especially important: trade, financial flows, migration, and the global commons (e.g., climate change, fisheries in international waters, internet security, etc.). Pick any one of the above mentioned arenas and address the issues nations confront in maximizing the benefits from their interaction and the effectiveness of international coordination in the arena.
- E. Middle East Program.** The popular uprisings that have shaken the Arab world during 2011 have similar causes, but are unlikely to lead to different outcomes in each country. Discuss.

- F. South Asia Program.** What major consequences and repercussions will the rise of India have for regional security?
- G. Southeast Asia Program.** China together with the more dynamic economies of Southeast Asia have performed exceptionally well despite the global financial crisis. Is this likely to persist even if there is a major recession in the U.S. and Europe? *[Those interested in either the Southeast Asia Program or the Asia (China) Program should respond to the same question.]*
- G. Asia (China) Program.** China together with the more dynamic economies of Southeast Asia have performed exceptionally well despite the global financial crisis. Is this likely to persist even if there is a major recession in the U.S. and Europe? *[Those interested in either the Southeast Asia Program or the Asia (China) Program should respond to the same question.]*
- H. 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”. Focusing on one geographic or thematic area, what concrete steps can be taken by the key players to reduce tensions?

All of the above materials should be forwarded by the designated university official by **January 13, 2012** to:

Junior Fellows Program
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
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. Students should contact their nominating official with questions.

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Junior Fellows Program
Application for 2012-13
(HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED)

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| Academic Year | Student Name: | Permanent | Address: |
| | School: | | |
| | Address: | | |
| | Phone Number: | | Phone Number: |
| | E-mail Address: | | |

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| 1 | Which Carnegie research program most interests you? (Check one.) | For application purposes please respond to one of the essay questions indicated below |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Democracy Program | A |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Policy Program | B |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy & Climate Program | C |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> International Economics | D |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East Program | E |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia Program | F |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Asia Program | G* |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asia Program | G* |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Russia/Eurasia Program | H |

*(*Essay topic G will be used for both areas of interest)*

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| Availability for Interviews and Work | |
| 2 | Work Permits. Program runs from August 1 to July 31 of each year. If you do not yet have employment authorization but expect to have authorization when the program starts, or if your eligibility to work in the United States is temporary and may expire during the program year, please explain briefly: |
| 3 | Will you be studying, living or working abroad during the spring semester? |
| 4 | If selected for a position, would you be available to begin work on August 1st? If no, please explain: |
| 5 | Graduation Date: |

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATING OFFICIAL

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| NOMINATING OFFICIAL | Nominating Official's Name: | |
| | Title: | |
| | Phone Number: | ATTACH APPLICATION MATERIALS |
| | E-Mail Address: | |

Frequently Asked Questions Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program

When is the Junior Fellows applicant information sent to participating universities?

The Carnegie Endowment generally sends information to participating universities by the second week of October each year. Information is updated annually as essay topics change from year to year.

Does my school participate in the Junior Fellows Program?

Visit our [list of participating schools](#).

How can I apply if my school is not a participating university?

You are encouraged to ask your career placement office to [contact us](#) to find out how your school may participate.

Must applicants be U.S. citizens?

It depends. You need not be a U.S. citizen if you attend a university located in the United States. However, all applicants must be eligible to work in the United States for a full 12 months from August 1 through July 31 following graduation. Students on F-1 visas who are eligible to work in the US for the full year (August 1 through July 31) may apply for the program.

If you attend a participating school outside of the United States, you must be a US citizen (due to work permit requirements).

Am I eligible for the Junior Fellows Program?

Applicants must be graduating seniors or students who have graduated during the last academic year. No one who has started graduate studies is eligible for consideration (except in cases where the student has completed a joint bachelor's/master's degree program). The Carnegie Endowment accepts applications only through participating universities via designated nominating officials.

How do I apply if I've already graduated?

If you graduated during the previous academic year and have not started graduate studies, you may apply through the university from which you graduated.

How do I obtain an application?

Application forms, procedures and information are available through designated college/university nominating officials. Due to the nomination process and varying on-campus application procedures, the Carnegie Endowment is unable to send applications directly to students.

Is the application available online?

Due to the nomination process, the application is not available online. Applications are available through designated nominating officials at each school. Nominating officials are most familiar with the particular school's nomination process. Please visit our [list of nominating officials](#) on Carnegie's website for more information.

I cannot obtain an official transcript by the deadline. What should I do?

The Carnegie Endowment accepts unofficial transcripts.

Who is my university's nominating official?

In many cases, information is available in career placement, internship or fellowship offices and/or political science departments. See our list of participating schools for the [list of nominating officials](#) on Carnegie's website.

Should the nominating official write a statement of nomination?

A statement from a nominating official (unless it is 1 of the 2 required references) is not considered in the application process.

May I apply for the Junior Fellows Program directly through the Carnegie Endowment?

The Junior Fellows Program is competitive and, as such, the Carnegie Endowment relies on participating universities to nominate uniquely qualified students. We are unable to accept applications directly from students. Students should consult their university on the nomination process.

When is the application deadline?

The Carnegie Endowment's receipt deadline is usually January 15th (or the Friday before if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday). This year, the deadline is January 13, 2012. However, most schools set an earlier deadline (some as early as November) to receive and review applications. Consult your university for application deadlines and details on the school's application process.

Are applicants interviewed for the program?

The Selection Committee chooses approximately 25 applicants for interview. "Finalists" are interviewed in February and early March.

As a Junior Fellow, what kind of work will I do?

Junior Fellows provide research assistance to Associates working on the Carnegie Endowment's projects. You may learn more about our programs by visiting www.CarnegieEndowment.org. Junior Fellows have the opportunity to conduct research for books, co-author journal articles and policy papers, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony and organize briefings attended by scholars, journalists and government officials.

What are the criteria upon which applications are considered?

The application process is highly competitive. Approximately 5% of applicants are ultimately selected for positions. Applications are judged on the quality of the written essay, related academic study and/or work experience, grades, recommendations, and personal interviews.

Will I be notified if I am not selected for the Program?

Those not selected for interview will be notified during the month of February. "Finalists" will be notified of selection/non-selection by March 31st.

When does the fellowship begin?

All fellowships begin on August 1st. Junior Fellows are hired for approximately one year.

Are Junior Fellows paid?

Positions are paid, full-time positions for one year. Junior fellows are currently paid a gross salary of \$3,000.00 per month (\$36,000 per year). A full benefits package is also provided.

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Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program

Each year, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace holds a rigorous national competition to select approximately 8-10 graduating seniors to serve as research assistants. They are matched with senior associates – academics, former government officials, lawyers and journalists from around the world – to work on a variety of international affairs issues. 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, journalists and government officials.

Junior Fellows spend one year (beginning August 1st) at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, DC. Positions are full-time and include a salary and benefits package.

2012 – 2013 Projects

- Democracy– *Political Science background preferred.*
- Nuclear Policy
- Energy and Climate
- International Economics – *Economics background required.*
- Middle East Studies – *Native or near-native Arabic language skills essential.*
- South Asian Studies – *Applicants should be comfortable with quantitative data manipulation as well as possess an interest in military issues.*
- South East Asian Studies
- Asian Studies – *Mandarin Chinese reading skills a huge plus.*
- Russian/Eurasian Studies – *Excellent Russian language skills required.*

For more information, contact your Designated Nominating Official or visit www.CarnegieEndowment.org for a list of designated nominating officials and FAQ about the program.