



## **NORTHEAST ASIA ECONOMIC FORUM**

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### **FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **2010 YOUNG LEADERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM IN REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF) has been conducting the *Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development Fellowship* since 2006 with support from the Freeman Foundation. NEAEF is pleased to announce the Young Leaders Program (YLP) for 2010. This year's fifteen-day training program will take place from August 13 through 29, 2010 (dates include travel time) in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.

### **2010 FELLOWSHIP AND APPLICATION**

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum awards fellowships to support potential leaders working on the challenges and progress in regional economic cooperation in Northeast Asia, including Northeast Asia relations with the United States. Awards are granted on a competitive basis. NEAEF welcomes applications from young professionals, junior faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and advanced graduate students in economics, history, law, sociology, political science, environmental sciences, computer sciences, and related disciplines.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Fellowships are awarded to persons from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, and the United States who have demonstrated potential leadership. Applicants must be affiliated with an academic, research or business institution, non-governmental, governmental or international organization when applying for a fellowship. Other immediate post-docs/graduates will also be considered. Candidates from Northeast Asia who are studying or working in the United States may also apply, as may U.S. candidates studying or working abroad. Candidates must be proficient in English as seminars will be conducted in English. Candidates from the U.S. should have at least a basic proficiency level of a Northeast Asian language.

### **THE AWARD**

The purpose of the Young Leaders Program is to:

- 1) Enhance knowledge of the social, economic, and political institutions of the individual countries of Northeast Asia and North America
- 2) Encourage young leaders to consider a wide range of perspectives on regional and multilateral economic cooperation

- 3) Prepare them to work collaboratively and internationally
- 4) Provide them with practical education in policymaking through opportunities for direct dialogue with policymakers and other experts
- 5) Promote a better understanding among young leaders of individuals, countries, and cultures
- 6) Foster a sense of community among young leaders

The YLP consists of seminars devoted to regional and international issues and perspectives, followed by the two-day participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Northeast Asia Economic Forum Conference (August 26-27). The program also consists of a series of working group discussions, problem-solving exercises, participant presentations, and cultural and educational activities dedicated to the host country. Other activities will include visits to local government institutions, educational institutions, NGOs, research and policy institutes to promote greater understanding of the unique aspects of Mongolia within the Northeast Asian region. An international faculty of leading academics, representatives of international organizations, NGOs, government officials, parliamentarians, and heads of industry will lead seminars and working groups.

The fellowship includes accommodation in Ulaanbaatar, most meals, local transportation in Ulaanbaatar, seminars, tuition, study tours, training materials, registration for the Northeast Asia Economic Forum Conference (August 26-27), and may include travel to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from the applicant's city of residence.

Fellows are strongly encouraged to present their current research during the seminars; however, applications without an accompanying research presentation will not be penalized. Papers for presentation will be selected through a competitive process.

Fellows are responsible for securing their own visas for travel to Mongolia (if required) and must provide evidence of medical and liability coverage. Cost-sharing is encouraged, especially in cases where the home organization is able to cost-share.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Applicants are required to submit:

- A cover letter identifying specific research interests, your motivation for applying, and how the candidate will benefit from the Young Leaders Program. Please indicate in your cover letter if you are interested in presenting a research paper during the seminars and include a copy of the paper or a summary of the research in progress. Also please indicate in your cover letter your anticipated location in August 2010.
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Two letters of reference (letters in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean are also acceptable) Please identify your two referees in the cover letter.

**Deadlines:** The deadline has been extended and all fellowship applications materials must be received by **Friday, June 4, 2010.**

Please submit applications to: [admin@neaef.org](mailto:admin@neaef.org)