

NEAEF Fellowship Announcement

2014 YOUNG LEADERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM IN REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF), with support from the Freeman Foundation, has been conducting the Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development since 2006. NEAEF is pleased to announce its 9th Young Leaders Program (YLP) from August 15 through August 29, 2014 at Dong-A University, Busan, Korea. Those dates **do not** include travel time.

2014 YLP FELLOWSHIP

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 the region's relations with the United States. Awards are granted on a merit-based and competitive basis. NEAEF welcomes applications from young professionals, junior faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in economics, history, law, sociology, political science, environmental sciences, computer science, or related disciplines.

The main goals of the Young Leaders Program are to:

- 1) Enhance knowledge of the social, economic, and political institutions of the individual countries in Northeast Asia and North America;
- 2) Encourage young leaders to study a wide range of perspectives on regional and multilateral economic cooperation;
- 3) Foster a sense of community among young leaders by preparing them to work collaboratively and internationally;
- 4) Provide young leaders with practical education in policy making through opportunities for direct dialogues with policymakers and other experts; and
- 5) Promote a better understanding among young leaders of individuals, countries, and cultures.

YLP consists of seminars devoted to regional issues of functional economic cooperation such as energy and environment, transportation and logistics, cross-border infrastructure

development, trade and finance. The seminars are followed by participation in NEAEF-sponsored conferences from August 27 to 29.

In addition, YLP offers a series of collaborative group work, problem-solving exercisers, participant presentations, and other cultural and educational events dedicated to the host country. Such activities may include visits to local government agencies, educational or research institutions, NGOs, or manufacturers in order to promote appreciation of Korea's role in regional cooperation and development.

An international faculty of leading academics, representatives of international organizations, government officials, parliamentarians, and executives from the private sector will lead or support the seminars and working groups.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

YLP 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 or a non-governmental, governmental or international organization when applying for the fellowship. Recent post-doctoral researchers or post-graduate students are eligible. People from Northeast Asia who are studying or working in the United States may also apply, as may U.S. citizens studying or working abroad.

As the seminars are conducted in English, candidates must be proficient in English. Participants from the U.S. must have at least a basic proficiency level of one Northeast Asian language.

Exceptional consideration may be given to applications from past recipients in order to maintain the continuity of the evolving YLP cadre.

THE AWARD

The award is a competitive grant and covers all program-related expenses, including visa application, travel, local transfer, accommodation, meals, study tours, training materials, and registration for the conferences. Cost sharing is encouraged to increase the number of participants. Limited amounts of other YLP-related expenses may be reimbursed on a case-by-case basis. YLP Fellows are responsible for obtaining their own visas for Korea, if required, and provide evidence of medical and liability insurance.

YLP Fellows are encouraged to present their own presentations relevant to the regional issues stated above. However, applications without an accompanying individual presentation proposal will not be penalized. Individual presentations will be selected in consideration of quality as well as available time in the YLP schedule.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

1) A cover letter identifying specific motivation for applying, research interests and benefits expected from YLP. Please indicate in your cover letter whether or not you are interested in making a presentation. If yes, provide a preliminary topic, abstract, or presentation text. Please also indicate your anticipated location in early August 2014.

2) Curriculum vitae

3) Two letters of recommendation are required. The names of the persons providing the recommendations need be included in your cover letter.

Please direct your inquiries or submit all the documents in your application to **neaef@hawaii.edu** by Monday, June 2. Only email submissions are accepted.