

## **THE NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP IN ASIAN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP**

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is pleased to announce the Next Generation Leadership in Asian Affairs Fellowship for 2011-2012. This year-long program, based in Seattle, focuses on bridging the gap between scholarship and policymaking. Fellows support NBR research projects and collaborate with leading scholars to conduct independent research and share research findings with the policymaking community in Washington, D.C.

This one-year fellowship is designed to further the professional development of Asia specialists in the year just after the completion of their master's degree. Successful fellows will gain further knowledge of Asia and an understanding of the U.S. foreign policymaking process by: conducting independent research under the guidance of the NBR Editor; collaborating with senior scholars on academic publications; and traveling to Washington, D.C., to participate in the briefing of research findings to relevant constituents within the policy community.

The Next Generation Leadership Advisory Board comprises a select group of respected academics and policymakers who have demonstrated commitment and success in the practical work of bridging the academic and policy worlds. The board will provide inspirational leadership to the program and meet individually, as possible, with program fellows in Washington, D.C. to share their vision for the need to strengthen the development of a cohort of young Americans with expertise on Asia.

- Senator Chuck Hagel (Ret.), Distinguished Professor, Georgetown University
- Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT)
- Representative Norm Dicks (D-WA)
- Dr. Richard Bush, Director of Northeast Studies Program, The Brookings Institution
- Ambassador Carla A. Hills, Chairman and CEO, Hills & Company
- Dr. Karl Jackson, Director of Asia Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS
- Mr. Richard Lawless, President and CEO, New Magellon
- Dr. Kenneth Lieberthal, Director, Thornton China Center, Brookings Institution
- Ambassador Stapleton Roy, Managing Director, Wilson Center

### **Fellowship Description**

The Next Generation Fellowship Program will grant a one-year award to two to four fellows annually. Next Generation fellows will work on NBR research projects and participate in the effective delivery of that research to the policy community. The four major components of the Next Generation Fellowship are:

- **Publication.** A signature element of the program is the completion by the fellow of at least one journal-quality article that could be published by either NBR or an outside scholarly journal.
- **Bridging the gap between research and policy.** Because NBR believes that writing alone is not adequate to inform policy, the fellow will also participate in NBR's active outreach toward the policy community in Washington, D.C., through participation in conferences, briefings, and private meetings.
- **Gaining in-depth knowledge of U.S. foreign policymaking.** Fellows will engage the policymaking community through association with current and former U.S. government officials on the program's advisory board, the program orientation, the Leadership Forum, and briefings to policymakers.
- **Guidance and mentoring.** The Next Generation fellows will be incorporated directly into NBR's substantive policy research projects. Responsible to and guided by the relevant project director, the fellows will be embedded in the workings of an organization that expresses in daily practice the high ideals of the fellowship's goals.

As part of the fellowship, each new class of fellows will participate in an orientation in Washington, D.C., which includes meetings with government officials, members of Congress and their staffs, and senior academics who have themselves successfully bridged the scholarship-policy gap. The Next Generation orientation session immerses the fellows in the program's vision, allowing them to meet with American political and academic leaders and providing opportunities for them to discuss their research with representatives of their intended audiences.

NBR conducts advanced research on politics and security, economics and trade, and health and societal issues, with emphasis on those of interest to the United States. Drawing upon an extensive network of the world's leading specialists and leveraging the latest technology, NBR bridges the academic, business, and policy arenas. At any given time, NBR directs 20–30 major research projects involving 150 scholars at universities and research centers worldwide. Each fellow will be placed on projects that best match his/her qualifications and research interests.

NBR organizes its research around three broad topics: politics and security, economics and trade, and societies and health. Our current research initiatives within these topics include:

- **Politics and Security:** The Political and Security Affairs (PSA) group advances NBR's mission of informing and strengthening policy by engaging in innovative, forward-looking policy research on political and security issues in Asia of critical importance to U.S. interests. The group's research focuses on three broad areas: Asian Security, Politics in Asia, and Muslim Asia.
- **Economics and Trade:** The Economic and Trade Affairs (ETA) group leads NBR's efforts to conduct policy research on the rising economic importance of Asia to the United States. The group's research initiatives focus on Energy and the Environment and Trade, Investment, and Economic Engagement Issues.
- **Health and Society:** The mission of the Center for Health and Aging (CHA) is to facilitate dialogue between science, industry, and policy for a healthier world. Toward this end, CHA coordinates innovative research and dialogue on the demographic, economic, social, political, and medical trends related to health and aging across the globe.

## **Application Instructions**

Applications for 2011-2012 fellowships will be accepted beginning November 1, 2010.

Applicants are required to submit the following:

- Curriculum vitae/resume
- 750-word essay stating their qualifications for and interest in applying for the fellowship, particular topical and regional research area, and how their research within that area would contribute to NBR's research agenda
- Three written references (one professional and two academic) highlighting the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, leadership potential, and other relevant information, emailed directly by those writing them to NBR with subject line "applicant name, application," by January 15, 2011
- Application Form

Please email the above materials to [nextgen@nbr.org](mailto:nextgen@nbr.org). Should you have any questions about the application process, please email Kailani Chin-Hidano, also at [nextgen@nbr.org](mailto:nextgen@nbr.org). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all application materials, including reference letters, are received by January 15, 2011.

## **Fellowship Eligibility**

U.S. citizenship or permanent residence status (by time of application deadline) is required. The applicant must have completed a master's degree by the time the fellowship begins. Individuals who have received their master's degree diplomas up to twelve months prior to the application deadline may apply to the program; exceptions may be permitted on a case-by-case basis. Prospective fellows should apply only for the year that they expect to participate. No deferrals are permitted.

## **Fellowship Benefits**

For each fellow, regardless of his or her career trajectory, the program provides an extraordinary opportunity. Fellows who go on to specialize in Asia scholarship will have been exposed to the policy relevance of research. Those who choose a policy-related career will have been exposed to the importance of quality scholarship. Fellows who choose other career paths, whether in the private, nonprofit, or media sectors, will have been exposed to the dynamic intersection of policy and scholarship.

One thing will hold true for all alumni of The Next Generation Leadership Program: They will be young leaders capable of making a significant difference in how the United States relates to Asia. Their engagement in critical efforts to ensure that policy is well-informed by the best academic research available will shape their contributions as leaders and strengthen their impacts in their various fields. Fellows will acquire or refine skills in:

- project management
- analysis, research, and writing
- written presentation of research in a format that is useful to policymakers
- briefing skills
- team collaboration
- understanding U.S. foreign policy processes

Each fellow will receive a \$32,500 fellowship award (with benefits), as well as a reimbursement for some relocation expenses.

### **Timetable**

*January 15, 2011*

Applications due at [nextgen@nbr.org](mailto:nextgen@nbr.org)

*January–February 2011*

Applications reviewed and evaluated by NBR Program Committee and Selection Committee

*March 2011*

Finalist interviews

*April 2011*

Awards made

*June 1, 2011*

Fellowship anticipated start date

*September 2011*

Next Generation orientation session in Washington, D.C.

*May 31, 2012*

Fellowship concludes

For more information, visit the Next Generation Fellowship page (<http://www.nbr.org/about/nextgenfellowship.aspx>) or contact:

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