

Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program 2007

The Program

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program provides leadership training through applied research and professional mentorships for young scholar-practitioners in the nonprofit sector. The program is open to scholars and practitioners interested in building Third-Sector capacity in the United States and overseas. This year's Fellows will be selected from abroad and also from communities of color under-represented in the U.S. grantmaking sector. 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. Specific topical areas are chosen each year.

The research topic for applicants to the 2007 Emerging Leaders Program, including the program's Diversity Fellowship, is community foundations. A limited number of fellowships for research on diaspora or corporate philanthropy are also available for applicants based outside the United States.

Fellows will participate in a 3-month seminar (March 1 to May 31, 2007) on the U.S. and international voluntary sectors. Fellows are expected to produce a 25-page research paper on their findings, which will be presented in the seminar. They will learn about the work of key agencies and meet with foundation and nonprofit representatives. They will also attend selected workshops or conferences.

Each fellowship covers the cost of tuition and includes a \$1,300 per month stipend to cover living expenses. The Center will also provide *single-room dormitory accommodations* with shared facilities at International House (adjacent to Columbia University), as well as economy round-trip air travel to and from the United States.

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. Applicants must hold a college or university degree and speak and write English fluently. Preference will be given to candidates with strong ties to a Third-Sector institution and demonstrated research skills. Traditionally, selected fellows are citizens of countries other than the United States. In 2007, the program will also include two fellows from communities of color under-represented in the grantmaking sector in the U.S.

To apply, prospective candidates should submit the following materials in English: a) a résumé or c.v. identifying past and present employment, as well as educational experience, languages spoken and degree of fluency in each, and TOEFL scores (if English is not the first language); b) a 3-5 page research proposal that identifies a research topic on community foundations (or diaspora or corporate philanthropy), questions to be addressed in the research, and the anticipated methodology; c) a statement of what the applicant seeks to accomplish during the program and how the fellowship would enhance career plans; and d) a list of publications, if applicable. Any overseas experience should also be described.

A cover sheet must accompany the proposal and **include the following information**: name, country of origin, country of residence, date of birth, current organizational affiliation and position, topic and title of proposed research paper, current address, home/work/cell telephone numbers, home/work fax numbers, and email address(es).

Two letters of recommendation are required from scholars and/or staff members of NGOs, nonprofits or donor agencies. The letters must be signed, printed on original letterhead, and sent directly to the Center by the referee.

For updates and additional information on the program, please visit our website, www.philanthropy.org.

Please submit materials electronically and by mail. Send to cpcs@gc.cuny.edu; and to Dr. Kathleen D. McCarthy, Director / Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, The Graduate Center, CUNY / 365 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5401 / New York, NY 10016 / USA. Electronic submissions must be formatted for 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Please note that signed letters of recommendation must be sent by the referee via post on original letterhead.

Application materials must be received no later than **September 15, 2006**. The selection will be made by a committee of leaders from the voluntary sector. Awards will be announced on or before November 1, 2006.

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); *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; and a member of the board of Independent Sector, and the advisory boards of the National Center on Nonprofit Law at New York University and the Rockefeller Archive Center. She is currently Treasurer of the International Society for Third-Sector Research 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.

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.

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