

GRANT & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Competition

The U.S. Department of Education has indicated that a FY2012 competition for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship will be posted on the DDRA website in coming weeks at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html> (at the moment it says, "Current competition: FY 2011. Cancelled."). If you plan to apply, please email Shelley Hawthorne Smith at ssmith@grad.arizona.edu as soon as possible.

2012-2013 IREX Short-Term Travel Grants Program (STG)

This research support program offers US scholars and professionals the opportunity to conduct policy-relevant research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Researchers are also able to increase their understanding of current regional issues, develop and sustain international networks, and directly contribute to the formation of US public policy by conducting research on topics vital to the academic and policy-making communities. The fellowships provide logistical support, international airfare, a living/housing stipend, visa support, emergency evacuation insurance, and, in many countries, field office support.

The STG Program is funded by the US Department of State- Title VIII Program.

Eligibility: Postdoctoral scholars and professionals with advanced degrees are eligible. Applicants must be US citizens.

Deadline: 5 p.m. EST on February 1, 2012

Contact: By email at stg@irex.org or by telephone at 202-628-8188

Information and application: <http://www.irex.org/project/short-term-travel-grants-stg>

Chateaubriand Fellowship Program

The Chateaubriand Fellowship program is designed for doctoral students enrolled in an American university who wish to achieve part of their doctoral research in a French laboratory for a period of 4 to 10 months. The Office of Science and Technology funds the compensation (1400€/month), travel expenses and health insurance. Priority will be given to candidates who seek to establish a joint direction of their thesis with a French host university. All fields of Science, Technology and Health are eligible. The required level of French remains at the discretion of the host laboratory.

Deadline: February 1, 2012 (for a stay which can begin from September 1st 2011 to April 1st, 2013)

Link: <http://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org>

Call for Proposals to design and implement a database on Civil and Identification Registries' institutional variables for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Inter-American Development Bank is calling on research institutions and individual researchers from its [48 member countries](#) for proposals to design and implement a database on institutional variables. The database is for civil and identification registries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and will help the bank's ongoing research on different development outcomes across countries in the two regions. The winning proposal will receive a \$35,000 grant from the IDB-administered Korean Poverty Reduction Fund. Entries must be submitted at the IDB website. Deadline of submission is on Feb. 11, 2012.

<http://www.iadb.org/en/topics/government/call-for-proposals-from-government/call-for-proposals-civil-registry-and-identification,4832.html>

GDA APS Addendum for BFS - CLIMATE RESILIENT CEREALS

Addendum to the FY 2011 Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS) No. M/OAA/GRO/EGAS-11-002011 (the GDA APS), USAID/Bureau for Food Security (BFS), Research Division

USAID/Bureau for Food Security (BFS), Research Division is making a special call for the submission of concept papers related to the Feed the Future (FTF) Initiative's Global Hunger and Food Security Research Strategy. The specific objective(s) are to: 1) Develop new climate resilient cereal varieties with enhanced abiotic stress tolerance and improved yield. 2) Establish partnerships that leverage resources, including technical assistance or sharing costs for technology development projects that provide new cereal varieties to improve agricultural productivity for small holder farmers in USAID FTF focal countries www.feedthefuture.gov/countries.html. 3) Support product development of technologies that can be applied globally in support of Feed the Future Initiative objectives. Unless otherwise specifically stated herein, all terms and conditions of the GDA APS apply. As stated in APS No: M/OAA/GRO/EGAS-11-002011, USAID expects to receive alliance proposals that leverage resources at a minimum of 1:1. Proposals that do not leverage resources of at least a matching amount to what is requested will not be considered under this announcement.

Award Ceiling: \$5,000,000

Award Floor: \$500,000

Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 29, 2012

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=136074>

American Serbia and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE) Program

The Office of Citizen Exchanges' Youth Programs Division announces an open competition for the American Serbia and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE) Program. The A-SMYLE program enables high school students from Serbia and Montenegro to spend one academic year in the United States, living with American host families and attending high school. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select high school students aged 15-17 from Serbia and Montenegro, place them with host families and schools for the 2013-14 academic year of study in the United States, provide activities that will enable the students to learn about leadership, civic responsibility, community activism, democracy, and American society, educate Americans about their countries and cultures, and support alumni in projects in the students' home countries.

Expected Number of Awards: 1

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,150,000

Current Closing Date for Applications: Mar 09, 2012

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=136913>

First Call for Proposals in New US-UK-India Higher Education Partnership - Trilateral Research in Partnership (TRIP) Awards

The British Council is excited to announce the first trilateral strand of the successful UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) with the launch of the new Trilateral Research in Partnership (TRIP) Awards with the United States. Ten awards of up to £50,000 (USD \$75,000) in funds will be available to support multidisciplinary research projects between UK, US and Indian higher education institutions.

This new UKIERI strand aims to support the increase of mobility of PhD and post-doctoral students in all three countries, and develop sustainable institutional links between the institutions. Funds are available to support projects of up to two years. Proposals are welcome across subject areas, including the humanities, social sciences, science and technology, and multidisciplinary research projects. All proposals will need to include details of additional contributions from the three institutions involved. Proposals must be supported by UK, US and Indian institutions and endorsed by the respective heads of department or equivalent.

The deadline for online submissions of proposals is **13 April 2012** with the aim to notify successful applications by the end of June 2012.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/usa-education-partnerships-ukieri.htm>

EARLY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

The Netherlands Will Increase Its Spending On Clean-Water Related Development Aid By 98 Million Euros To A Total Of 254 Million Euros A Year By 2015.

Deputy Development Cooperation Minister Ben Knapen made the announcement in a letter to parliament. The focus will be on efficient water usage - particularly in agriculture - improvements in river basin management and the safety of river deltas and coastal areas. More than 5,000 people a day, most of them children, die due to a lack of clean drinking water and adequate sanitary facilities. The planet is expected to be home to about nine billion people in 2050, so demand will only increase. By 2025, two-thirds of the global population will live in areas facing water shortages. According to Mr Knapen, development cooperation can never be a government monopoly, particularly in the field of water supply. Public-private partnerships are to help out: in the coming five years, 150 million euros will be made available for joint water projects set up by businesses, knowledge institutions and development organisations.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/bulletin/netherlands-spend-254m-water>

NEWS ITEMS

Social Media Are Shaping The Face Of Cholera Response In Haiti.

In a [new study](#) published by the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, researchers found that social media and Internet-based news were faster in delivering information about the cholera epidemic in Haiti versus traditional sources such as hospital and health clinic surveys. They said online news and Twitter feeds in the early days of the epidemic in 2010 were two weeks ahead of reports issued by the government health ministry.

The researchers said estimates from available information on HealthMap, a Web-based tool that monitors disease outbreaks around the world in real time and which they used in the study to gather data, matched very closely with case reports and figures from official sources. "The techniques we employed eventually could be used around the world as an affordable and efficient way to quickly detect the onset of an epidemic and then intervene with such things as vaccines and antibiotics," said Rumi Chunara, the study's lead author and research fellow at Harvard Medical School.

<http://www.devex.com/en/blogs/the-development-newswire/new-study-track-haiti-cholera-epidemic-online>

Latin America's Rising Role On The Multilateral Stage

2012 will be a year to watch Latin America's rising role on the multilateral stage. The hints of Latin America's growing stature were already there in 2011. In November, International Monetary Fund (IMF) head [Christine Lagarde toured the region](#), meeting with Brazil, Mexico and Peru to ask for help (and extra funds) to stabilize Europe and the eurozone. But 2012 will be the real stage, as both Mexico and Brazil – the region's largest economies – take the reins.

The first stage will showcase Mexico's role at the helm of the G20. Its year of leadership will culminate in the annual summit to be held in Los Cabos in June 2012. Given the eurozone crisis, fights over currency valuations, and volatile financial markets, the path will be choppy at best. Mexico ambitiously wants the issues of the [structure of international financial regimes, food security and financial inclusion](#) all on the table, with the goal of transforming, at least somewhat, the role and mandate of this vital multilateral institution for the future.

The second major event will be the [2012 Earth Summit](#) to be held in Rio De Janeiro (just one day after the Group of Twenty meet). It commemorates the first groundbreaking 1992 Earth Summit (also in Rio), where the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was adopted, and which still forms the basis of the global climate change regime today. But the Brazilians hope for more — to push forward with international negotiations, perhaps even setting the agenda for the next twenty years. There are real doubts as to what can actually be achieved (particularly given what little happened in Durban, South Africa, which hosted the last UNFCCC negotiation late last November). But, whatever the odds stacked against it, Brazil will be at the fore, burnishing both its environmental credentials as well as its aspirations for global leadership.
<http://blogs.cfr.org/oneil/2012/01/06/what-to-watch-in-2012-a-leading-multilateral-role/>

PERSPECTIVES

Traditional Western Aid Has Had Its Day, interview with Ben Knapen, Minister for European Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

What is the future role of development cooperation in resolving global issues?

One thing we can say for sure is that the aid architecture as we now know it – rich Western countries helping poor countries in Africa and Asia – is rapidly losing its relevance.

Why is that? To begin with, when it comes to today's most pressing issues, national governments are only one part of the equation. National governments cannot address matters like climate change, migration or the financial system on their own. Other players are needed, and these players are increasingly non-state actors, such as nonprofits, philanthropists and companies.

Complicating the picture is the fact that some countries we continue to designate as “developing” – such as China, India and Brazil – are themselves becoming more and more active in “real” developing countries. They have no qualms about pursuing a policy of self-interest and playing by their own rules. Deborah Brautigam wrote about this phenomenon in her fascinating book “[The Dragon's Gift](#).”

The Chinese approach in Africa, for example, builds on a system the Chinese learned from the Japanese: generous loans at competitive rates, linked to the supply of Chinese machinery, tools and construction services, to be paid back in raw materials. Whatever we may think of these practices, they are the new reality. And the emerging economies are not the only new players in developing countries: investment funds, investment firms and generous benefactors are playing an ever expanding role.

A third reason behind the disappearance of the old aid architecture is the change in global poverty patterns. To begin with, the number of poor countries is on the decline. The International Development Association, the division of the World Bank concerned with lending money to poor countries, is expected to lose more than half of its clients in the next 10 to 15 years. At present, 68 countries are categorized as “poor”; by around 2025 that number will have fallen to around 36. Most of them will be those tragic places we call “failing states”: Afghanistan, Yemen, Congo and the like.

More- <http://www.devex.com/en/news/traditional-western-aid-has-had-its-day/77006>

WEB RESOURCES

International & Foreign Affairs Federal Publications

Diplomats, international travelers and anyone interested in US foreign policy and foreign relations will delight in this comprehensive collection of Federal publications on international issues and foreign affairs.
<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/collections/foreign-affairs.jsp>

US Government Printing Office

<http://www.gpo.gov/>

Science.gov

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<http://www.science.gov/>

Internship and Fellowship Opportunities in Science

This section is intended for use by students, teachers, and professors who are looking for internships or fellowships in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). The lists have been compiled by members of FICE, the Federal Interagency Committee on Education.

<http://www.science.gov/internships/index.html>

WEBINAR

USDA-NIFA's Center for International Programs seminar with Dr. Tully Cornick from Higher Education for Development to focus on the role that higher education plays as an "engine for development" in countries around the world. Cornick will describe the organization's experience in forging partnerships between American and overseas colleges and universities to build human and institutional capacity.

JANUARY 25, 2012 12—1 PM

FOR WEBINAR GO TO: <http://nifa-connect.nifa.usda.gov/hedcip/>

Remember to test your connection in advance! Log-in under "guest" option and enter your email in the provided space. Selected questions from webinar viewers will be answered by speakers. To submit your question, send an email to CIP@nifa.usda.gov.

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