

Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society Senior International Fellows Program 2009

The Program

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's **Senior International Fellows Program** provides an opportunity for the professional development of Third-Sector practitioners from outside the United States who are decision-makers in their professions. The program is designed to help build Third-Sector capacity in the Fellows' home countries.

Fellows are based at The Graduate Center of The City University of New York, where they attend weekly seminars, explore the work of key agencies and foundations, meet with nonprofit representatives and study U.S. and international foundation models.

The research topic for the 2009 program will be community foundations. Proposals for position papers on diaspora philanthropy will also be considered.

Fellows will participate in a **1-month seminar** looking at the U.S. and international voluntary sectors. The program will run from Monday October 19, 2009 through Friday November 13, 2009. Based on the seminars, readings, discussions with leaders in the field and the Fellows' own experiences, *each Fellow will produce a position paper with recommendations for the development, adaptation or expansion of community foundations or diaspora philanthropy in his/her country or region.* It is expected that these recommendations will draw from the variety of experiences of community and other foundations and will reflect the political, social, economic and legal frameworks in the Fellows' home countries.

Each fellowship covers the cost of tuition. The Center will also provide furnished accommodations proximate to The Graduate Center, round-trip air tickets for travel to and from New York City and a generous stipend (taxable) to cover research-related and living expenses.

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 senior-level practitioners over the age of 35 who are citizens of countries other than the United States. Applicants must speak and write English fluently. Candidates must have a strong institutional base and a clear interest in furthering the work of community foundations or diaspora philanthropy.

To apply, prospective candidates should click [here](#) or visit <http://CPCS.sifp09.sgizmo.com> and follow the instructions.

Application materials must be received no later than June 30, 2009. The selection will be made by a committee of leaders from the voluntary sector. Notification of awards will be made no later than July 30, 2009.

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

Please send queries to cpcs@gc.cuny.edu and indicate "SIFP 09" in the subject line.

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.

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

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