

Information Booklet and Application Guidelines for the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program

Fellowship Year 2012

July 22-August 10, 2012

Application Deadline: December 12, 2011

To Apply, visit: <http://draperhills.stanford.edu>

(Online Applicant Portal opens October 3, 2011)



2011 Class of Draper Hills Summer Fellows



About the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law

The Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) at Stanford University engages in research, training, teaching, and organizes intellectual and policy dialogues aimed at increasing public understanding of economic and political development. Founded in 2002 and led by Larry Diamond, CDDRL has collaborated with scholars, policymakers, and practitioners around the world to advance collective knowledge about the linkages between democracy, sustainable economic development, human rights, and the rule of law.

About the Program

Launched in 2005, the Draper Hills Summer Fellowship on Democracy and Development Program (DHSFDD) is a three-week executive education program that is hosted annually at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. The program brings together a group of 25 to 30 mid-career practitioners in law, politics, government, private enterprise, civil society, and international development from transitioning countries. This training program provides a unique forum for emerging leaders to connect, exchange experiences, and receive academic training to enrich their knowledge and advance their work.

For three weeks during the summer, fellows participate in academic seminars that expose them to the theory and practice of democracy, development, and the rule of law. Delivered by leading Stanford faculty from the Stanford Law School, the Graduate School of Business, and the Departments of Economics and Political Science, these seminars allow emerging leaders to explore new institutional models and frameworks to enhance their ability to promote democratic change in their home countries.

Guest speakers from private foundations, think tanks, government, and the justice system, provide a practitioners viewpoint on such pressing issues in the field. Past program speakers have included; Carl Gershman, president of the National Endowment for Democracy; Kavita Ramdas, former president and CEO of the Global Fund for Women; Stacy Donohue, director of investments at the Omidyar Network; Maria Rendon Labadan, Deputy Director of USAID; and Judge Pamela Rymer, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Summer Fellows also visit Silicon Valley technology firms to explore how technology tools and social media platforms are being used to catalyze democratic practices on a global scale.

Program agendas complete with assigned curriculum for 2010 and 2011 can be found on our website under the "agenda" tab.

The program is funded by generous support from Bill and Phyllis Draper and Ingrid von Mangoldt Hills.

About the Faculty

The program's all-volunteer interdisciplinary faculty includes leading political scientists, lawyers, and economists, pioneering innovative research and analysis in the fields of democracy, development, and the rule of law. Faculty engage the fellows to test their theories, exchange ideas and learn first-hand about the challenges activists face in places where democracy is at threat. CDDRL Draper Hills Summer Fellows faculty includes; Larry Diamond, Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, Stanford President Emeritus Gerhard Casper, Erik Jensen, Francis Fukuyama, Steve Krasner, Avner Greif, Helen Stacy, and Nicholas Hope.

About our Draper Hills Summer Fellows

Our network of 186 alumni who graduated from the Draper Hills Summer Fellows program hail from 57 developing democracies worldwide. Their professional backgrounds are as diverse as the problems they confront in their home countries, but the one common feature is their commitment to building sound structures of democracy and development. The regions of Eurasia, which includes the former Soviet Union and Central Asia, along with Africa constitute over half of our alumni network. Women represent 40% of the network and the program is always looking to identify strong female leaders working to advance change in their local communities.

Our Summer Fellows include:

- The former Prime Minister of Mongolia
- Political activists at the forefront of the 2011 Egyptian revolution
- Advocate for the high court of Zambia
- Deputy Minister of the Interior of Ukraine
- Peace advocate and human rights leader in Kenya
- Journalists advocating for a greater role for independent media
- Leading democratic intellectual in China
- Social entrepreneur using technology for public accountability in India

Previous Draper Hills Summer Fellows have served as presidential advisors, senators, attorneys general, lawyers, journalists, civic activists, entrepreneurs, academic researchers, think-tank managers, and members of the international development community. The program is highly selective, receiving several hundred applications each year.

Please see the alumni section on our website for a complete listing of program alumni.

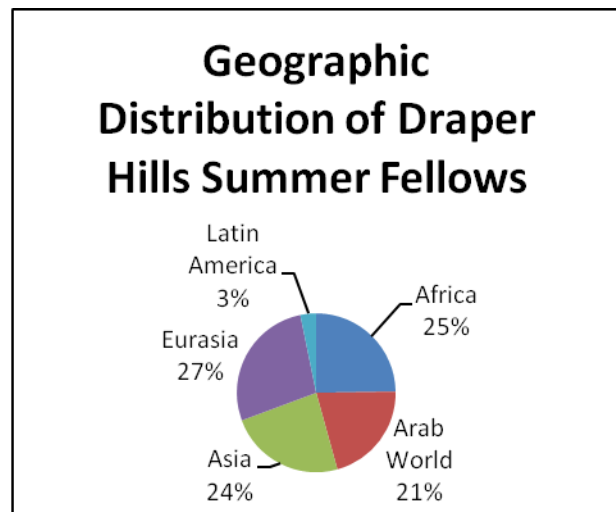
Funding

Stanford will pay travel, accommodation, living expenses, and visa costs for the duration of the

three-week program for a certain portion of applicants. Participants will be housed on the Stanford campus in residential housing during the program. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to supply some or all of their own funding from their current employers or international nongovernmental organizations.

Eligibility

This program is aimed at early to mid-career practitioners who possess **10 to 25 years of professional experience** working actively in the field of democracy, development, and the rule of law. Applicants can be working as policymakers, academics, legal professionals, social entrepreneurs, business entrepreneurs, and leaders of civil society organizations (such as representatives of trade unions, nongovernmental organizations, the media, business and professional associations). In their present capacity, applicants should play **important and influential roles in their country's political, economic, and social development**. Participants should have demonstrated professional and personal achievements in a relevant sector of democracy, development, and the rule of law.



Each year we strive to recruit a diverse group of 25 to 30 individuals who are at the right stage in their professional trajectory to benefit from a rigorous academic training to enhance their potential to promote democratic change in their home countries. **Successful applicants will have academic credentials necessary** to participate and contribute to the six-hour seminars each day, and tackle advanced academic readings to complement the classroom-based curriculum. 99 percent of our alumni hold a bachelor's degree at the time of their participation in the program.

A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program. It is expected that each fellow have a solid command of written and spoken English to fully benefit and participate in the program. All finalists will participate in a short phone interview to ascertain their English language proficiency. The ideal participant will **have extraordinary motivation** and a keen interest in learning as well as sharing knowledge and experiences about his or her country.

Application Guidelines

All application materials must be submitted **December 12, 2011**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis so we encourage you to apply as early as possible.

The dates for the 2012 Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program are Sunday, July 22-Friday, August 10, 2012. Applicants are required to participate in the entire duration of the fellowship program.



Submitting your Application

All applicants are asked to apply for the 2012 Draper Hills Summer fellowship through our online system via applynet.com at: <http://university.applynet.net/cddrl/default.aspx>.

Through the applynet system, applicants will be asked to complete a profile and submit:

1. Applicant Information
2. Resume/Curriculum Vitae
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Two (minimum) or three (maximum) Letters of Recommendation

Preparing your Application Materials

The applynet system will allow applicants to begin working on an application, save progress, and return at a later time to complete additional sections. Please note that applications can only be submitted once and applicants cannot create multiple accounts in the system. All application materials must be in English, with the exception of recommendation letters (which, if written in a foreign language, must be accompanied by an English translation). Applicants should be sensitive to word count and not exceed any of the stated word count in the narrative sections of the application.

Through the applynet system, applicants should be prepared to answer the following questions:

Work experience and achievements:

- 1) Current Position: In approximately 150 words, describe your current position and overall responsibilities.
- 2) Major Professional Achievements: In approximately 150 words, describe your professional and academic achievements, as well as any community activity or public life accomplishments as they relate to the promotion of democracy, development, and or rule of law.

Statement of Purpose:

Please attach a statement of purpose in which you address the four questions listed below. In drafting your statement of purpose, please try and avoid overly technical language so that your ideas can be easily understandable to people who are not working in your field of expertise. Your statement should be a minimum of 500 words and should not exceed 1,000 words. Statements that are under 500 words or anything over 1,000 words will not be read. Your statement of purpose should be formatted in MS Word Document (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat PDF (.pdf) to successfully upload it to the applynet system.



1. Why are you interested in applying to the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program? In answering this question please highlight how the program will contribute to your professional and/or personal development.
2. Please explain how your work relates to the areas of democratic advancement, economic development, or the rule of law in your country. How will the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program enhance your knowledge and work in these areas?
3. In applying to the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program, please describe your goals and expectations of the program. How will your participation contribute to the learning process of the program?
4. Have you participated in academic or professional fellowship programs in the past? If so, which ones and how is this fellowship different?

Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Please prepare a resume or curriculum vitae to attach to your application through the applynet system. The resume should list your education, including all degrees earned, professional experience (with your most recent position listed first), awards and honors, and publications (if applicable). Your resume or curriculum vitae should be formatted in MS Word Document (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat PDF (.pdf) to successfully upload it to the applynet system.

The document should be a minimum of one page and no longer than three pages in length.

Letters of Reference

Instructions for Applicants

All applicants need to provide at least **two** but no more than **three** letters of recommendation to support their application to the program. Any application with less than two letters will be judged as incomplete and not considered in the selection process.

Please send the instructions outlined below to those you have identified to serve as your referee. In addition, we suggest that you provide your referee with some background information on the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program from our website so they are familiar with the requirements and activities of the program. Note that all recommendation letters must be e-mailed to the following address: summerfellows@stanford.edu by December 12, 2011 to be considered part of your application package.

Instructions for Referees



Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation to the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Program at the Stanford Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. Your frank appraisal of the applicant and his or her candidacy for this fellowship program will greatly help us in our selection process.

This is a rigorous and intense three-week academic fellowship program where Fellows will be introduced to theoretical development models in six-hour seminars each day and be assigned academic readings to complement the classroom-based curriculum. They will be schooled in the principles of democracy, development, and the rule of law from leading scholars, faculty, and industry leaders. Fellows are selected who are at the stage in their professional development when they can benefit from academic training to enhance their potential to promote democratic change in their home country.

When drafting this letter, please reflect on the candidate's English language comprehension, professional experience, and whether the applicant will be able to use these skills to impact their work in the field of democracy, development, and the rule of law. For further information about the program, please visit the website: <http://draperhills.stanford.edu>.

We ask that you submit your letter of recommendation to the following e-mail: summerfellows@stanford.edu by December 12, 2011. There is no specific length for the letter of recommendation but please be sure to address all of the guidelines highlighted below.

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

We would greatly appreciate your candid comments on the following:

- The length of time and context in which you have known the applicant
- Your opinion of his or her background, qualifications, accomplishments, and experiences
- Your views on the suitability of the applicant for a fellowship of this academic nature
- How their work is impacting the fields of democracy, development, and the rule of law
- Any other information you feel is important to share concerning the candidate

We would greatly appreciate if all letters of recommendation:

- Be drafted on official organization letterhead, if possible
- Be signed with your name, official position, and contact information



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- Be sent from your institutional or personal e-mail address (we will not accept letter sent directly from the applicant)
- Include in the subject line of the e-mail, the candidate's full name
- Be formatted in MS Word Document (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat PDF (.pdf), all other software will not be accepted
- Referee should also state if they were a previous fellow in the Draper Hills Summer Fellows program in the recommendation letter

For questions or further information, please contact:

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