



University of Connecticut

Carnegie Junior Fellows Program Pre-application for Nomination Due: November 3, 2008

Name:

Mailing Address:

Major(s):

GPA as of 8/08:

credits as of 8/08:

Planned Graduation:

PeopleSoft ID:

Phone:

Email:

1. POSTGRAD PLANS: *Do you plan to go to graduate school? What do you plan to do after your education?*

2. CITIZENSHIP: *Are you a U.S. citizen?* **Yes** **No**

(You do not need to be a citizen, but must have a valid work permit to accept the position.)

3. RESUME: Attach a two page resume, detailing any international experience you have had, including stateside participation in internationally-oriented organizations.

4. TRANSCRIPT: Attach an unofficial UConn transcript.

Have you earned college credits at any school other than UConn? **Yes** **No**

(If "Yes," please report your grades from those institutions or attach additional transcripts.)

5. RESEARCH PROJECT: This year, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace invites students to apply to be research fellows for the following projects (listed below). Visit the Carnegie website to learn more about each research area and select below 1-2 project(s) for which you feel most suited. On a separate sheet of paper, explain in one typed, double-spaced page why you want to be a Junior Fellow.

2009 – 2010 Projects

- Democracy/Rule of Law – *Political Science background preferred.*
- Middle East Studies - *Native or near-native Arabic language skills essential.*
Nonproliferation
- South Asian Studies - *Strong math skills required in addition to background in international affairs or political science.*
- Energy and Climate Change - *Quantitative skills required.*
- Chinese Studies - *Mandarin Chinese reading skills a huge plus.*
- Chinese Economics - *Mandarin Chinese essential. Strong Excel computation skills required.*
- Trade, Equity and Development - *Economics and quantitative background needed.*
- Russian/Eurasian Studies - *Excellent Russian language skills required.*
- Central Asian Studies - *Ability to read and translate in a Central Asian language. Uzbek language skills most desirable.*

- International Economics
- US Role in the World

6. ESSAY: Choose the essay topic that corresponds with the desired project, provided by the Carnegie Endowment, to write an essay of no more than three typed, double-spaced pages. These topics are intended to test skills in analysis, logic, and written expression. The essay should be “thought pieces,” not research papers.

A. Democracy/Rule of Law Program. The US administration should significantly downgrade the place of democracy promotion in foreign policy relative to the last eight years. Do you agree or disagree and why?

B. Middle East Program. In the greater Middle East, the next U.S. administration will undoubtedly continue to face major challenges concerning the Palestinian-Israeli peace process, Iraq and Afghanistan, and Iran's nuclear ambitions. It will also face considerable additional challenges. Discuss some of these additional challenges and why you think they are important.

C. Nonproliferation Program. By the year 2015 do you think there will be more than the current nine countries with nuclear weapons? If so, which ones, and why? If not, why are people who fear this wrong?

D. Trade, Equity and Development Program. The current round of globalization has been underway for about 25 years. Enough time has passed that the empirical evidence of its effects is beginning to accumulate. How do you assess the impact of globalization on developing countries? Is globalization good or bad for employment and for the poor? Why?

E. Russia/Eurasia Program. In the aftermath of the Russian-Georgian crisis of August 2008, the major U.S. presidential candidates had differing proposals on how the U.S. should deal with the issue. What are the implications of these proposals for U.S.-Russian relations and for the broader international community?

F. Central Asia Program. In the wake of Russia's invasion of Georgia, what policy options are open to the U.S. to help protect the independence and territorial integrity of Russia's neighbors? What sort of balance should the U.S. administration strike between this goal and the broader U.S. national security interests?

G. China Program (see below for China Economics). Can China's authoritarian regime develop and project soft power that can compete against the Western liberal order? Please explain.

H. China Economics Program. China's success in economic development demonstrates that authoritarianism is probably necessary in promoting economic growth in poor countries. Do you agree? Why or why not?

I. South Asia Program. What is the best U.S. strategy for defeating terrorism emanating from Pakistan?

J. Energy & Climate Program. The U.S. government in 2009 will consider whether to impose a "cap and trade" policy to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Should the U.S. take this action unilaterally or concentrate instead on a global climate deal?

K. International Economics Program. The U.S. financial crisis will have international

consequences. What will be the most important ones? Which countries will be most affected? Are there any countries that will benefit from the American financial problems?

L. U.S. Role in the World Program. How do you define America's proper role in the world?

7. RECOMMENDATION: Ask a faculty member who is familiar with your interest in international affairs/policy/study to write a recommendation and submit it (by mail or email) to Jill Deans, Director, Office of National Scholarships by **November 3, 2008**. (If selected as a nominee, you will be required to obtain one more letter of recommendation for the national competition – at least one letter should be from a professor from your major department.)

Name of Faculty Member:

Department:

Phone:

Email:

Turn in this form and your resume, transcript and essays to:

Office of National Scholarships
Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE) 414
368 Fairfield Way
Storrs, CT 06269-2147
by **November 3, 2008**

Questions? Email ons@uconn.edu
Or call Jill Deans at 486-0087 or Marlene Coughlin at 486-6255

Pre-applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee and nominees will be notified by the Director of ONS.
Nominees will have until mid-January 2009 to hone and complete the national application.