

Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE 2009/10 MASTERS AWARDS

The Africa-America Institute is pleased to announce that the annual application period for the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program for the 2009/10 Masters Awards will be from Friday November 7, 2008 to Friday February 27, 2009.

The fundamental objective of the International Fellowships Program is to provide selected applicants from social groups and communities that historically had limited opportunities to access higher education with support for full-time, post-graduate study at the Masters degree level. Women and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The award winners are expected to use their education in helping to reduce inequalities and redress historical patterns of injustice.

The Program is offering 32 awards for the 2009/10 period. These will be tenable in South Africa or abroad for studies leading to a Masters Degree. Each Fellowship award covers tuition costs and other related expenses and a maintenance allowance. To be eligible, an applicant must satisfy the criteria listed below:

- Be a South African citizen / permanent resident in possession of a South African ID who is physically resident in the country
- Already hold the minimum academic qualification for enrolling in a Masters degree
- Intend to pursue a Masters degree that will directly help to reduce historical inequalities and redress patterns of injustice
- Have at least three years work experience
- Have experience in voluntary community service or development related activities
- Possess leadership potential as evident in the employment history and/or community involvement
- Present a clear study plan that indicates how studies will be applied to social challenges in South Africa
- Commit to working on these issues following the Fellowship period

The Ford Foundation grant making areas are:

- 1. Asset Building & Community Development**
 - Work-Force Development
 - Development Finance & Economic Security
 - Environment & Development
 - Community Development
 - Sexuality & Reproductive Health
- 2. Knowledge, Creativity & Freedom**
 - Education & Scholarship
 - Sexuality & Reproductive Health
 - Religion, Society & Culture
 - Media
 - Arts & Culture
- 3. Peace & Social Justice**
 - Human Rights
 - Sexuality & Reproductive Health
 - Governance
 - Civil Society

This announcement, the application form and application guidelines can be downloaded from the Africa-America Institute website at www.aaisa.org.za

The completed, signed application form, together with the required supporting documents, must reach the office of The Africa-America Institute no later than Friday, February 27, 2009. Due to the selection procedure, late applications cannot be accepted.

Applications will be assessed and evaluated by the National Selection Committee composed of scholars, practitioners and eminent persons from various academic and NGO sectors. Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview in Johannesburg in April 2009. The duration of the award will be determined as part of the placement process.

Program Director

*The Africa-America Institute
Braamfontein Centre,
11th Floor, 23 Jorissen Street,
Braamfontein 2001
PO Box 275, Wits 2050*

Tel: +2711 403-3308/15
Fax: +2711 339-2426
E-Mail: saifp@global.co.za
Website: www.aaisa.org.za



FORD FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL
FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM



THE AFRICA-AMERICA INSTITUTE
EDUCATING PEOPLE • CONNECTING WORLDS