

**COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP IN INDIA
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Purpose

The Council on Foreign Relations is creating the International Affairs Fellowship in India, sponsored by E.L. Rothschild through the family foundation ERANDA, to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between the rising generation of leaders and thinkers in the United States and India. The fellowship will enable a number of outstanding young Americans to expand their professional horizons and enhance their understanding of India by spending up to a year on policy oriented research or related professional activity in India.

Fellowship

The program provides for fellows to spend up to a year conducting research while affiliated with a cooperating institution in India. The fellowship will cover living expenses in India plus international transportation and necessary research expenses.

Application Information

Application will be primarily by invitation, on the recommendation of individuals in academic, government, and other institutions who know candidates particularly well suited for the experience offered by this fellowship. Others who inquire directly and who meet preliminary requirements may also be invited to apply without formal nomination. Application materials will be forwarded to those invited to apply. Following a preliminary screening by the Selection Committee, those candidates who are selected as finalists will be interviewed and may be asked to furnish additional material.

Eligibility

International Affairs Fellows in India must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 27 and 45. The program is intended primarily for those who have not spent extended periods of time in India. Fellows will be drawn from academia (including think tanks), government institutions (including the executive and legislative branches at the federal, state, and local levels), the business community, the media, and religious and congregational communities. The program does not fund pre- or postdoctoral scholarly research, work toward a degree, or the completion of projects on which substantial progress has been made prior to the fellowship period.

Selection Criteria

Fellows will be selected on the basis of their academic and professional accomplishments and promise, and on the merits of the specific research or action projects that they propose for their stays in India.

Review & Selection Schedule

- ◆ Deadline for Nominations: **February 29, 2008**
- ◆ Applications Distributed: **March 2008**
- ◆ Applications Due: **April 4, 2008**
- ◆ Letters of Support Solicited: **April 2008**
- ◆ Initial Selection Committee Meeting: **May 2008**
- ◆ Announcement of Finalists: **May 2008**
- ◆ Finalists Interviewed: **June 2008**
- ◆ Final Selection Committee Meeting: **June 2008**
- ◆ Announcement of Award: **June 2008**

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