



The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is seeking young leaders from Indonesia to participate in a multi-phased Legislative Fellows Program (LFP) in the United States and Indonesia.

Legislative Fellows Program applicants must be:

- University Graduates
- Age 25-35
- Fluent in English
- Professional engaged in politics, elections, policy-making, civic education or grassroots advocacy
- Possess demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment to public service
- Committed/ able to organizing a program in applicant's country for American mentor that includes joint outreach and capacity building activities

About the ACYPL Legislative Fellows Program

The Legislative Fellows Program will include selected participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and the United States.

International Fellows will spend 5 weeks in the United States, which will include:

4 DAY Orientation in Washington, DC

4 WEEK Professional Mentoring and Internship in a pre-determined US state

2 DAY Strategic Planning and Evaluation Session in Washington, DC

2 WEEK Hosting American Mentor in Fellow's community

Legislative Fellows Program Tentative Calendar

March 29 – May 5, 2010

First group of 9 International fellows travel to US

Professional internships in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Washington state

June - August 2010

American participants travel to host country for 10-14 day in-country program

October - November 2010

Second group of 9 International fellows travel to US

Professional internships in Illinois, Ohio and Mississippi

January - May 2011

American participants travel to host country for a 10-14 day in-country program

Legislative Fellows Program Goals

To exploring common concerns and challenges, sharing expertise, and develop capacity to encourage and enhance citizen participation and responsibility with an eye toward promoting good government.

Legislative Fellows Program Objectives

- Provide opportunities to interact with US Congressional members, federal government officials, political and policy experts, and national political party representatives to enhance understanding of the role and processes of the American national government.
- Provide hands-on mentoring opportunities in state legislative, mayoral, and city council offices throughout the United States to gain understanding of day-to-day state and local government processes, good government practices, and local community involvement.
- Provide extensive interactions with state and local political parties and campaigns to gain understanding of the American political and election processes, including campaign strategy making, grassroots organizing, voter registration, communication, get-out-the-vote and fundraising.
- Provide hands-on volunteer opportunities at local schools and diverse community organizations to gain knowledge about the challenges facing Americans and the power of citizen engagement, volunteerism, and advocacy to address the needs of diverse communities.
- Provide opportunities to learn about the role media plays in American politics, civil dialogue and debate, by meeting with and shadowing traditional and non-traditional journalists.
- Provide access to communication experts to explore the power of technology and the Internet to bring together diverse groups and voices to promote and strengthen grassroots organizing, citizen activism, and open dialogue toward addressing shared challenges and/or common goals.
- Provide opportunities for informal interactions, cultural outings, outdoor activities, and home hospitality with “everyday” Americans to engage in open conversations about common concerns and shared dreams to gain insight and knowledge about each other and establish professional relationships and personal friendships.
- Provide opportunities for American and international participants to continue their engagement by participating in joint outreach activities, engaging the local media, and on-site consultancies and presentations to wider audiences.

About ACYPL

For over 44 years, the American Council of Young Political Leaders has designed, organized and managed unique international exchange activities for young political leaders worldwide. Our programs are designed to promote mutual understanding, respect, and friendship and to cultivate long-lasting relationships among young people who are poised to become tomorrow's global leaders and policy makers.

ACYPL is a bipartisan non-profit organization internationally recognized as the pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political and policy leaders to international affairs and to each other. Each year, with generous support from the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and a wide range of corporate, foundation and individual partners, we conduct exchanges with 20-25 countries around the world. ACYPL has a network of over 7,500 alumni in 100 countries, many whom have risen to positions of national and international prominence.

Prospective 2010 exchanges

ACYPL will host the following delegations from:

Argentina, Australia, China, Egypt, India, Iraq, Indonesia, Japan, NAFTA countries (Canada, Mexico), New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Western European Minorities (Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia)

ACYPL will send American delegations to:

Australia, Brazil, China, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ghana, Israel, Japan, Nepal, Palestinian Territories, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Turkey, Vietnam



LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS PROGRAM SELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

To be considered for participation in the ACYPL Legislative Fellows Program, please complete ALL questions below.

Please print as it appears on your passport

(FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME) (FAMILY NAME)

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: _____

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: _____
[if applicable]

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY

OFFICE PHONE: _____

MOBIL PHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

GENDER: M / F DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

CITY, COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____

NATIONALITY: _____

PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: _____

HAVE YOU EVER TRAVELED ON US STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDED PROGRAM: _____ Y/N DATES _____

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (CHECK): fluent ___ good ___ _____ TOEFL score (if available)

Note: English proficiency is required for participation

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Knowledge About the United States

- 1) Understanding of the US Federal system of government:
(none) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (very much)

- 2) Understanding of elections in the US:
(none) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (very much)

- 3) Understanding of current US politics and leadership:
(none) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (very much)

- 4) Understanding of American diversity and multicultural society:
(none) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (very much)

- 5) Understanding of American culture:
(none) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (very much)

- 6) Indicate your sources of knowledge and understanding of the United States

 ___ previous travel to U.S. ___ domestic/international media
 ___ formal education ___ popular culture (films, music, radio)
 ___ books ___ political party literature

 Other(s): _____

Professional Areas of Interest

- 1) If selected to participate, what aspects of American life do you wish to learn more about?
Please rate each from 0 to 5 (five being the highest interest):

 ___ Federal government ___ state government ___ local government
 ___ politics ___ economy ___ sports
 ___ business ___ culture ___ science
 ___ media/press ___ religion ___ military

 Other(s): _____

- 2) If selected to participate, what professional areas of interest do you wish to learn more about? Please rate each from 0 to 5 (five being the highest interest):

 ___ policy research ___ drafting legislation ___ legislative committees
 ___ office management ___ government affairs ___ foreign affairs
 ___ media relations ___ political campaigns ___ political organizing
 ___ issue advocacy ___ community organizing ___ diversity training
 ___ constituent services

 Other(s): _____

WHAT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND/OR INTEREST MAKES YOU INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM?

DESCRIBE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND HOW YOU USE THEM IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL WORK.

DESCRIBE ANY CURRENT OR PAST EXPERIENCE AS A COMMUNITY LEADER OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZER.

WHAT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM A LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE?

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE PERSONALLY?

HOW DO YOU ANTICIPATE USING THE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS OF AN AMERICAN MENTOR IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

[NOTE: You may use additional sheets if needed]

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS PROGRAM INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE AND THAT YOU MEET ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____