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### SUMITRO FELLOWS 2009 GRANT APPLICATIONS Deadline October 31, 2008

The United States Indonesia Society (USINDO) invites applications for its two 2009 travel/study grants for post-doctoral scholars, Ph.D. candidates, senior academics, and otherwise professionally qualified candidates to engage in field research in Indonesia on an economic or political-economic topic. One grant is available to United States citizens and permanent residents in the United States with a specific project relating to the political economy of Indonesia. The Indonesian Sumitro Fellowship is open to an Indonesian citizen with a project related to the Indonesia-United States bilateral relationship. Previous travel to, and experience in, Indonesia or the United States (for Indonesian Sumitro applicants) is desirable but not necessarily a requirement. **The deadline for the 2009 Sumitro Fellows Applications is Friday, October 31, 2008.**

The Sumitro Fellows program honors Dr. Sumitro Djojohadikusumo, Indonesia's senior economist and advisor to USINDO, who passed away in 2001. An architect of Indonesia's modern economy, Professor Sumitro headed the faculty of economics at the University of Indonesia, and was later a minister of trade and minister of state for research. Professor Sumitro was also the driving force behind a 1950's program of the Ford Foundation which sent Indonesian economists to U.S. academic institutions for advanced degrees. Many attended the University of California at Berkeley and the group came to be known as the "Berkeley Mafia" when its members assumed many key cabinet posts in subsequent decades.

*The Sumitro Fellows grants for the 2009 application cycle are \$10,000 each.*

#### **Sumitro Fellows Application Guidelines for 2009**

**Eligibility:** Applicants for the US Sumitro Fellowship must be United States citizens or permanent residents in the United States with a specific project on Indonesia's political economy. Applications outside the scope of economics or political economy **will not** be considered. Applicants for the Indonesian Sumitro Fellowship must be Indonesian citizens with a specific project on any aspect of the Indonesian-US bilateral relationship. Applications related strictly to American topics or on non-US or non-Asian themes **will not** be considered. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age and/or physical impairment.

**Language Proficiency:** Please note that though not compulsory, prior study of Bahasa Indonesia is helpful in conducting field research. Applicant should indicate on the application form if and at what level the language has been studied, both formally and informally. Indonesian applicants must be capable of advanced study in English. Evidence of English fluency may be demonstrated by TOEFL scores.

**Notification:** USINDO will announce the winner in December 2008.

#### **Application Materials:**

- **Application Form:** Please submit a completed and signed application form (available at [www.usindo.org](http://www.usindo.org)).
- **Field Research Abstract:** Please provide a one to five page single-spaced abstract of your intended research.
- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume:** Please submit a resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed ten pages) providing full citations of all publications, with most recently published items listed first.
- **References:** Please submit two letters of support. One letter must be from a dissertation advisor, senior faculty member or other comparable advisor.
- **Waiver of Responsibility:** Please submit a signed waiver of responsibility (available at [www.usindo.org](http://www.usindo.org)).

- **Supplemental Information:** In addition to the above information, the review committee will consider supplemental information such as writing samples, course syllabi, etc. Materials will only be returned if a self-addressed return envelope with proper postage is included. Faculty members and lecturers are asked to submit course syllabi that do not exceed five pages.

**Mailing Instructions:** Please mail all application materials by **October 31, 2008** to:

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*For a complete application visit our website at [www.usindo.org](http://www.usindo.org)*