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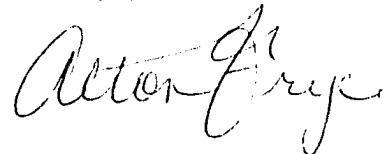
Dear Vince:

We are pleased to announce the International Affairs Fellowship competition for 1980-81. The program seeks to nourish the relationship between scholarship and stewardship in international affairs by facilitating active policy involvement for analysts and reflective policy analysis for those in more active roles. As in the past, the Council will offer a number of grants to outstanding candidates between the ages of twenty-seven and thirty-five from government, academic life, business and the professions. 27-36

If you know of any exceptional man or woman who might be a suitable nominee for the program, we would be very pleased to have your suggestions. We need to know the name, age, and address of your candidate, and we would appreciate a brief description of his or her background together with the reasons for your recommendation. You need not go into great detail since we will request a full curriculum vitae from each person we invite to apply for the competition.

As you know, we are especially interested in two types of candidates: 1) promising people in public service who have displayed notable intellectual gifts and whose professional growth would benefit from a period of reflection and writing about an important contemporary issue in international relations; and 2) those now in private life whose professional development and potential contributions to foreign policy would particularly benefit from a period of active public service. We plan to extend our invitations promptly, so nominations should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably by September 15, 1979. I hope we shall be hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

1980-81 Competition

The Council on Foreign Relations is pleased to announce its 1980-81 International Affairs Fellowship competition. Initiated in 1967, the fellowships are designed to bridge the gap between theory and practice in international relations and to encourage the better use of scholarly or reflective wisdom in decisions on international problems. The Council will award a number of fellowships to Americans between the ages of twenty-seven and thirty-five with demonstrated intellectual ability and promise who come from the academic, government, business and professional communities. The fellowships will enable each to undertake an examination of an important problem in international affairs and to explore the implications of that problem for the interests and policies of the United States, foreign states, or international organizations.

With this broad objective, a wide variety of proposals will be considered. For example, the Advisory Selection Committee will welcome proposals which focus the fellowship year on the task of looking for solutions, or partial solutions, to an identified problem. Taking the point of view of government officials or others who are faced with alternative courses, a candidate might lay out a year's work designed to produce practical recommendations based on the information, analyses and theories already available.

An alternative for the candidate from the private sector, including academics who have already developed some hypotheses about policies to be adopted by governments, would be to spend up to a year in government in a position which permits him or her to observe and understand the forces that influence the decision-making process.

The younger government official, on the other hand, is encouraged to reflect on a problem in a scholarly environment free from the pressures of daily decision-making, and based on the lessons of his or her own first-hand experiences, to draw conclusions that may be of value both to scholars and to decision-makers who may be faced with similar problems in the future.

A fourth possibility would be to study some aspect of the policy-making process itself and how that process might be improved. One might, for example, study the process by which theoretical knowledge and scholarly understanding at present affect the conduct of foreign relations, and formulate suggestions for improving the process.

While these suggestions are illustrative of the main focus of the program, other proposals that examine the policy implications of a given problem may be considered. The program will not, however, support research as traditionally understood - the gathering of new information and the development of generalizations concerning it - if the results will be of primary interest only to scholars or theoreticians. Since one of the major purposes of the program is to have a constructive impact on the careers of promising young persons, the proposals will be judged not only for their creativity and practicality, but for the contribution they seem likely to make to each recipient's individual development.

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While there is no fixed requirement that a Fellow produce a book, article or report, it is hoped that some written output will ordinarily result. Awards will not generally be made to complete books or other projects on which substantial progress has been made prior to the beginning of the fellowship period. In any case, candidates are urged to consider their proposals with care and to discuss them thoroughly with advisors or others who are knowledgeable in their project area before submitting them to the Council for consideration. The Council may suggest revisions before a proposal is submitted to the Selection Committee.

Fellowships will ordinarily cover a period not to exceed twelve months. Since broadening the experience and understanding of each Fellow is an important aspect of the program, only under exceptional circumstances will an award be made permitting the recipient to remain at his or her home institution during the fellowship year. There are no other restrictions as to where or how a Fellow may work, although some Fellows may find it advantageous to be in residence in New York for all or part of the period. Fellows residing in the New York area may participate more conveniently in Council meetings, study and discussion groups, and other activities relevant to their area of interest. They will also have the benefit of the advice of the Council's senior research staff.

The small size of the program affords Fellows an opportunity to develop a special sense of community. Those who are not resident in New York City will be brought to the Council during the year to meet with other Fellows, the Council's studies staff, and Council members. Fellows based in Washington will take part in the Council's program there.

To ensure nomination of superior candidates, application will be primarily by invitation, on the recommendation of a national panel of individuals in academic, government, and other institutions, who have occasion to know able young persons particularly well-suited for the experience the Council program offers. Others who inquire directly and who meet preliminary requirements may also be invited to apply without formal nomination.

To be eligible for the fellowship, an applicant must be an American citizen or a permanent resident who has made application for citizenship. Candidates should be between the ages of twenty-seven and thirty-five at the time of nomination. While the PhD degree or its equivalent is not a firm requirement for academic applicants, the Council will not grant fellowships to support writing of dissertations or research toward the PhD.

Application forms (which will be sent by the Council after receipt of nomination) and supporting materials must be filed not later than October 31, 1979. Following a preliminary screening by the Selection Committee, those candidates who are selected as finalists may be asked to furnish additional material and, where possible, to participate in a personal interview. All candidates will be informed of their status following the preliminary screening, and notification of the awards themselves will be made by April 1980. In most cases fellowships are expected to begin in the fall of 1980, although in special circumstances they may begin earlier or later in the year.

In making awards, consideration will be given to income from all sources and to the total expenditures essential to carrying out the project. The fellowship stipend normally will not exceed the salary relinquished during the period of the fellowship. There is no objection to combining a fellowship with grants from other sources so long as these impose no conditions inconsistent with the Council's requirement that a Fellow devote full time to the project he has outlined. Indeed, such additional grants will often be the best way of financing travel and other extra expenses.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Announcement of Awards

1979-1980

Since 1967 the Council on Foreign Relations has maintained a unique program of fellowships offering outstanding young men and women between the ages of twenty-seven and thirty-five an opportunity to broaden their expertise in the field of international affairs. The distinctive character of the International Affairs Fellowships lies in the provision of contrasting experiences for young professionals working at the nexus of policy research and policy action. Thus, academics and other professionals from the private sector are enabled to apply their humanistic disciplines in a policy-oriented environment, and government officials are encouraged to consider problems in a scholarly atmosphere free from the pressure of decision-making.

Thanks to the continuing support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the Council is pleased to announce the appointment of the following eleven International Affairs Fellows for 1979-80.

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