

Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y

Year Nine: Developing Community Leaders

June 5-June 24, 2009

MISSION AND GOALS

Ford Motor Company, a global corporation and world leader in corporate citizenship, and the 92nd Street Y, the world's first global Jewish community and cultural center, are proud to join together in launching the ninth year of the *Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y*. The program is designed to enhance the efforts of emerging leaders in communities throughout the world.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Each year, a group of 20-24 emerging leaders from different regions of the world are selected to become Ford Fellows of the 92nd Street Y. The program includes a three-week residency in New York City (June 5-June 24, 2009) and ongoing communication before and after the residency via telephone and email. Fellows are expected to complete assignments prior to their residency to maximize the value of their fellowship experience and after their residency to evaluate its impact and success.

Learning, Skill Building, and Networking

Fellows participate in an intensive immersion experience designed to address the challenges of community building in today's world. In partnership with the Picker Center for Executive Education at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, we provide classes and participatory workshops in nonprofit management, leadership, and strategic thinking.

The academic curriculum is complemented by visits to model nonprofits throughout New York City and meetings with academic, business, and government leaders. The experience is enhanced by the Fellows' residency at the 92nd Street Y, an institution founded in 1874 that has grown to serve over 300,000 people annually. At once a school, a lecture hall, a performance space, and a community organization, the 92nd Street Y is a nonprofit organization unique in the world and vital to the cultural life of New York City. Fellows have the opportunity to meet with 92nd Street Y staff experts, board members, and community partners.

Experiencing

Specialized tours of New York City and an array of diverse ethnic, cultural, and community offerings enrich the Fellows' American experience. A tour of Ford Motor Company World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan enables the Fellows to meet with key Ford executives and gain insight into the unique intersection of corporate and nonprofit interests.

Participating in a Global Network

Before and after their residency at the 92nd Street Y, Fellows are in contact with the Y and with one another. Through email communities, distance learning, electronic newsletters and announcements, and teleconferencing, Fellows become part of a global network of community leaders.

EXPECTATIONS

The 92nd Street Y and Ford Motor Company have high expectations of participants in the *Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y*. At a minimum, the following expectations apply:

Assignments

Fellows are obliged to complete written assignments and required reading prior to and following their residency in New York.

Commitment while Participating in the Program

Fellows must be active participants in all aspects of the program. The curriculum is rigorous, and Fellows may not exempt themselves from group activities. There is some time ðat leisureö when participants have the opportunity to relax, explore New York City, or arrange meetings that are not part of the program. (Fellows may also arrive before June 3 or stay after June 24 at their own expense.)

Ongoing Commitment

We expect Fellows to remain involved in the program as mentors for future Fellows and as participants in a growing global network of community leaders.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility

Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, though younger applicants should note that we are looking for candidates with several years of leadership experience. We seek candidates from a variety of backgrounds with the aim of creating a group of Fellows who will work well together and offer a diversity of views and experiences. Candidates should be emerging leaders addressing issues whose resolution can have a significant positive impact on their communities, on their countries, andö collectivelyö on the world.

Applicants must demonstrate fluency in English, have valid passports, and have regular access to a computer and the Internet. They may not be current recipients of other fellowships.

Fees and Services Covered

Airfare, accommodation, food, transportation, instruction, and other program-related expenses are included in the fellowship. Each participant receives a stipend upon arrival.

Application Deadline

Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2008.

Enrollment

If you are eligible for the program and wish to apply, please complete the enclosed application form and send to:

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