



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE PRESIDENCY AND CONGRESS

2009-2010 PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

SUGGESTED SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

THE PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

- This unique non-resident program offers 85 select undergraduate and graduate students from leading colleges and universities a year-long opportunity to study all aspects of the American Presidency and the public policy-making process. Our goal is to develop a new generation of national leaders committed to public service.
- Each Fellow undertakes an original research project on an aspect of the modern Presidency and is responsible for producing a 15-page paper on that subject, due in May.
- Fellows attend a fall and a spring leadership conference in Washington, D.C. The conferences are comprised of policy workshops at which Fellows discuss national issues with Presidential scholars, and are briefed by senior government officials and nationally recognized public policy experts.
- Fellows participate in two essay contests and compete for publication in our annual anthology of the 20 best Center Fellows papers: *A Dialogue on Presidential Challenges and Leadership*.

SUGGESTED CRITERIA

- Though the Center does not mandate the process through which schools choose their Fellows, we advise each institution to conduct a short nomination process by interested faculty, resulting in the selection of one student to serve as the Fellow.
- Successful Fellows have:
 - Strong academic credentials,
 - A demonstrated interest in the institution of the Presidency, and
 - An interest in public policy and public service.
- **All academic majors are eligible.** Past Fellow's majors include: business, philosophy, economics, politics, history, science policy, medicine, and journalism.

FUNDING

- Individuals and corporations fund Fellowships, which pays for a Fellow's registration fees, lodging and meals during Center events. A limited number of others are funded by CSP.
- **Schools are responsible for coordinating and funding the Fellow's transportation to and from Washington, D.C. for the two leadership conferences.**

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE PRESIDENCY

- The non-partisan, non profit Center publishes the award winning *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and conducts major conferences and working sessions on the Presidency and critical governance issues.
- Center publications include: *A Call to Greatness: Challenging our Next President* (January, 2008); *Triumphs and Tragedies of the Modern Presidency: 76 Case Studies in Presidential Leadership* (Praeger, 2001); *Lessons for the 21st Century: Vulnerabilities and Surprise December 7, 1941 and September 11, 2001*, (March 2002); *U.S. Muslim Communications*, (July 2003); and *Comprehensive Strategic Reform*, (September 2001).
- For more information, please visit the Center's website: www.thePresidency.org.

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