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### 2009 Intern Summit@State

Friday, July 31, 2009

3:00pm – 6:00pm

U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington DC, Loy Henderson Auditorium

If you are a Washington-area intern with U.S. citizenship, discover for yourself what a career at State is really all about at the Intern Summit@State. Learn about the wide range of opportunities available in everything from management to information technology, both domestic and overseas. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited, and you must pre-register by July 17, 2009. Visit [careers.state.gov/internsummit](http://careers.state.gov/internsummit) today. Reasonable accommodation requests – Please describe your accommodation needs, due to a disability, on the registration, and we will respond to you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

### Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

This \$5000 scholarship is open to any female student who would like to study abroad during the summer between her sophomore and junior years. Participants in the scholarship program will develop intercultural awareness, leadership skills, and a commitment to serving others. Participants will attend a leadership retreat in the spring semester before going abroad and another retreat in the fall upon returning from abroad. Applications are due on November 6, 2009, at 4pm to OIE- Warner Hall 3rd floor. An information session will be held in September. It

is advisable to begin the process at that time or earlier as the application is lengthy. The scholarship application and more information about the program may be found on the Vira Heinz Scholarship Program website. Interviews will be scheduled in late November and the selection of 3 winners will be made upon completion of the interviews. For additional information contact the campus representative, Emily Half at 412-268-5231.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS**

*For scholarships/fellowships related to study abroad, please see “Announcements: Study Abroad.”*

### **George J. Mitchell Scholarship, US-Ireland Alliance**

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship is a national competitive award sponsored by the US-Ireland Alliance. Named in honor of the former U.S. Senator's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, the Mitchell is designed to introduce and connect upcoming generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to public service and community.

To be eligible for a George J. Mitchell Scholarship:

- \* An applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- \* An applicant must be 18 years of age or older but NOT yet 30 on October 1, 2009.
- \* Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study under the Mitchell Scholarship.

Applicants are encouraged to begin preparing their applications well in advance of the deadline. Supporting documents must be received in our office by Monday, October 5, 2009.

Applicants are required to provide exactly five letters of recommendation, proof of US citizenship (passport/birth certificate), academic transcripts, completed online application, and a well-thought out 1000-word personal essay. In addition, those applicants who are fulltime students at the time of application must obtain an institutional endorsement and three of the five letters of recommendation must come from persons with whom the candidate has done academic work. Those applicants who are not full-time students do not need an institutional endorsement, and of the five letters of recommendation required, only two must be from persons with whom the candidate has done academic work.

It is important that applicants spend sufficient time examining the various programs at the different Irish/Northern Ireland universities in order to determine which programs they are most interested in and qualified for.

Normally, 12 Scholars are selected each year, but this number is not absolutely fixed and depends on Selection Committee assessment of the candidates, fund availability as well as university placement issues.

The Mitchell Scholarships support one year of graduate study in any discipline offered by an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholarship provides tuition, housing, a \$12,000 living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend.

<http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=441>

### **Feldman Graduate Fellowship in Sustainable International Development**

The Master of Arts in Sustainable International Development (SID) degree program is pleased to announce the 2010 Feldman Fellowship, which will be awarded to an early- to mid-career development professional with a demonstrated commitment to integrated conservation and development. The fellowship begins in late August 2010.

The Feldman Fellow will join SID graduate students from over 40 countries at Brandeis University in an interdisciplinary study of development and project management emphasizing poverty reduction, gender, human rights and biodiversity conservation.

The Fellow will complete a year-in residence at SID, then work at a field conservation site during the second year of the program. The Feldman Fellowship includes full tuition, fees, airfare and living expenses for the year-in-residence at Brandeis, and airfare and all university fees for the second year fieldwork. Nominations are encouraged from international and governmental development institutions and NGOs. Self nominations are accepted, and women are especially encouraged to apply.

Nominators may mail, fax (781-736-2774), or email (HellerAdmissions@Brandeis.edu) a letter of nomination to the Admissions Office. For more information, please visit <http://heller.brandeis.edu>.

Applications (to be submitted by the applicant) should include:

- Letter of Interest in the Feldman Fellowship- Completed Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume
- Detailed Statement of Purpose describing career objectives and work experience
- Three original letters of recommendation (at least one professional and one academic) on official letterhead sent directly to the Admissions Office from the recommenders (These letters must be accompanied by a Brandeis University Recommendation Form)
- Original or certified true copies of transcripts from all university-level studies, sent directly to the Admissions office from each university (Transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by an official English translation)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score report is required for all international applicants.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2010

### **Graduate Scholarship in International Health Policy & Management**

The Master of Science in International Health Policy & Management (IHPM) program is pleased to announce a competition in which a full tuition and fees scholarship will be awarded to an

early– to mid-career development professional with a demonstrated commitment to effective health policy and management. The Scholarship for this one-year degree begins in August 2010.

The MS program is designed to train students to take on increasingly responsible roles in health policy planning, and in the management of policy and program implementation in health ministries and planning organizations, multilateral and bilateral development organizations and NGOs. Students in this one-year program learn how to make the best use of policy analysis to determine which plans work, which are the most cost-effective and which are sensitive to a country's values and culture.

The IHPM Scholar will receive full tuition and fee remission for the 2010/2011 academic year. The scholarship does NOT cover airfare, health insurance or any living expenses. Although nominations are encouraged from international and governmental development institutions and NGOs, self-nominations are accepted. Women and candidates with experience in policy, service delivery or education-related work with poor and vulnerable populations are especially encouraged to apply.

Nominators may mail, fax (781-736-2774), or email (HellerAdmissions@Brandeis.edu) a letter of nomination to the Admissions Office. For more information, please visit <http://heller.brandeis.edu>.

Applications (to be submitted by the applicant) should include:

- Letter of Interest in IHPM Scholarship
- Completed Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume
- Detailed Statement of Purpose describing career objectives and work experience
- Three original letters of recommendation (at least one professional and one academic) on official letterhead sent directly to the Admissions Office from the recommenders (These letters must be accompanied by a Brandeis University Recommendation Form)
- Original or certified true copies of transcripts from all university-level studies, sent directly to the Admissions office from each university (Transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by an official English translation)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score report is required for all international applicants.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2010.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS**

### **Fall 2009 Internship in Washington DC**

The Dershowitz Group (TDG), a Washington DC based public affairs and strategic communications firm servicing policy-based clients, has four intern positions available for fall 2009. Undergraduates, recent graduates and graduate students with an interest in international affairs or energy security are encouraged to apply.

TDG services a wide range of clients including think tanks, foreign television stations, international humanitarian awards, coalitions of NGO's and a press association.

Recently, TDG organized a presidential candidate speaker's series; an experts' policy series on security threats, such as terrorism and energy security; and developed content for the first museum on terrorism. TDG has extensive strategic communications expertise advising clients on democracy and counter-terrorism related issues.

Interns may be asked to develop databases of influencers for relevant policy areas, draft business letters, talking points and FAQ sheets, and prepare client materials. Interns are frequently asked to take ownership of their projects and are given additional responsibilities based upon their professionalism and level of productivity.

The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate a knack for research, excellent time management skills and meticulous attention to detail. They will be able to follow instructions in a precise manner, work in a fast-paced professional environment and learn from a constructive work environment. Interns will have the opportunity to work closely with senior staff with expertise in foreign policy, media relations, and journalism.

Interns will interact with clients. Strong writing and oral skills are required. A strong understanding of government, contemporary issues in foreign affairs, and journalism are preferred. Familiarity with the Middle East, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan is a bonus, as is fluency in additional languages. Applicants should indicate their proficiency in Microsoft Office and Adobe programs.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, a cover letter and a writing sample to Julia Nayfeld at [Julia@DershowitzGroup.com](mailto:Julia@DershowitzGroup.com). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

### **Fall 2009/Spring 2010 Internships**

The Western Branch of Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty is offering Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 internships for college students

We are seeking an intern with excellent organization and interpersonal skills. PADP is gearing up for a major growth in membership, educational, organizing and lobbying efforts. To support this group, we have an opportunity for the right individual to work directly with our Community Organizer in Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas.

Responsibilities will include organizing events, publicity, data entry, phone, email, research and preparing sample materials for our members and coalition partners to use as we fight to abolish the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

This is an unpaid internship and requires a minimum of 15 hours per week. We can assist candidates in applying for academic credit through their institution of higher learning.

Please email your resume and cover letter including your position on the death penalty and desired start and end dates to Rachael Goss [RGoss@padp.org](mailto:RGoss@padp.org) or fax to 412-361-2191.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS**

### **The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2009: "The Role of Soft Power in the International Environment"**

July 27-31, 2009

Berlin

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2009 will bring together an interdisciplinary, international group of participants with an active interest in international affairs. The weeklong program will consist of lectures and panel discussions featuring experts from the fields of academia, politics, and the private sector that will focus on the role of soft power in the international environment. The following are a selection of the speakers for the Symposium:

- Jorge Sampaio, UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Former President of Portugal (1996-2006)
- Joaquim Chissano, Former President of Mozambique (1986-2005), Former Chairperson of the African Union (2003-2004)
- Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, Former President of Latvia (1999-2007)
- Cassam Uteem, Former President of the Republic of Mauritius (1992-2002)
- Dr. Vasile Pușcaș, Romanian Minister for European Affairs
- Ints Dālderis, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Latvia
- Borys Tarasyuk, Member of Parliament and Former Foreign Minister of the Ukraine (1998-2000, 2005-2007)
- Dr. Erkki Tuomioja, Member of Parliament and Former Foreign Minister of Finland (2000-2007)

Further information about the Symposium can be found under: [www.icd-internationalsymposium.org](http://www.icd-internationalsymposium.org).

The program brochure, including the timetable, can be found under:

[http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/content/articles/symposium/documents/International\\_Symposium\\_on\\_Cultural\\_Diplomacy\\_2009\\_brochure.pdf?en\\_calendar\\_symposium-2009](http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/content/articles/symposium/documents/International_Symposium_on_Cultural_Diplomacy_2009_brochure.pdf?en_calendar_symposium-2009).

"Soft Power" Explained By Harvard University Professor Joseph S. Nye Jr.:

[http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en\\_calendar\\_symposium-2009](http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en_calendar_symposium-2009).

### **Call for Papers: The 3rd All China Economics International Conference**

December 14 – 16, 2000

APEC Study Center, City University of Hong Kong

Abstract Submission Deadline: July 31, 2009

Theme: APEC Turns 20 and the Anniversary of the Financial Tsunami

Special Themes:

- 1) APEC and Economic Integration
  - 2) Asian and Financial Crisis
  - 3) China and the World Economy
  - 4) The US and World Economy
  - 5) Financial Markets and Monetary Policies
  - 6) Financial Tsunami and Its Economic Consequences
- (Other themes can also be accepted, please refer to ACE Themes)

Guest of Honor: Joseph Y. T. Lai, J.P., (Director General of Trade and Industry, Hong Kong SAR Government)

Keynote Speakers:

- Donald J. S. Brean (University of Toronto)
- Masahiro Kawai (Asian Development Bank Institute)
- Samuel S. Kortum (University of Chicago)
- Jiann-Chyuan Wang (Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research)
- Zhigang Yuan (Fudan University)

Conference papers will be selected for publication as a Special Issue in *Japan and the World Economy* or *The Chinese Economy*. (The selected papers will go through a strong referee process before the editorial decision is made.)

Conference Official Website: [www.cityu.edu.hk/apec/ace](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/apec/ace).

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