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Eisenhower exchange program announces EC grant

The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program has announced the availability of a fellowship for an employee of the European institutions to study and travel in the United States for three months.

Applications for the 1992 Fellowship can be obtained from the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Mission to the European Communities, telephone 513.44.50, ext. 2774/75 (Mrs. Van den Bempt) or by calling 235-3733 at the EC (Ms. Bettentrup). Applications must be returned to the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Mission to the EC, 40 Boulevard du Regent, 1000 Brussels, fax number 512.57.20 , by April 12, 1991.

Approximately ten applicants will be selected during May for interviews by the joint American-European Communities nominating committee, whose chairman is Dr. Claus-Dieter Ehlermann, Director-General for Competition. The Committee will select four finalists whose names and applications will be forwarded to the Eisenhower Exchange Office in Philadelphia which will make the final decision in selecting the 1992 grantee.

Each Eisenhower Exchange Fellow is programmed according to his or her specific professional requirements. The purposes of the Eisenhower Fellowship are:

1. To provide the Fellows an opportunity to observe and discuss techniques and practices in their own particular field with qualified authorities in that field in the United States.
2. To enable the Fellows, through experience in different parts of the United States, and in different activities, to develop an understanding of the American people and society.
3. To explain to key Americans in different fields around the United States the policies and attitudes of the European Community.

A Fellow's spouse is invited to accompany the Fellow, provided he or she is able to remain in the United States for a minimum of five weeks and has an adequate command of the English language.

Should a Fellow's spouse be able to come only for a period of less than five weeks, he or she may do so, but at the Fellow's own expense.

A Fellow may not be accompanied by his or her children, nor may children be present under any circumstances or conditions in the United States during his or her Fellowship period.

Fellows are expected to arrange their arrival in the United States for the date specified by the Fellowship headquarters.

Qualifications for an Eisenhower exchange fellow

Candidates for an Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship must:

1. Be citizens of a European Community country between ages 35 - 50 and should have been employed by the EC for a minimum of five years.
2. Be in a field vitally important for the development of the European Community.
3. Have worked a sufficient time to have proven their maturity and potential leadership (a university education is not necessary).
4. Be an effective spokesman for the Community in the United States.
5. Have good health, as certified by a physician acceptable to the American consular office where his visa will be issued.
6. Have an adequate working knowledge of English, both spoken and written.
7. Agree to return to his or her country at the end of the Fellowship period. In this connection, we draw attention to the following excerpt from a circular from the Department of State in Washington, E.C., regarding Public Law 555, 84th Congress, amending Section 201 of Public Law 402, 80th Congress:

"... It will require all foreign nationals entering the United States as exchange visitors... to remain abroad for two years following their exchange visits before re-entering the United States for permanent residence or as non-immigrants to perform temporary services or labor..."

General outline of the program

1. The Fellowship term will be three months to fall between March and the end of June, 1992. The actual arrival date and approximate duration of the Fellowship will be determined by EEF at the time each invitation is accepted.
2. All travel expenses for the Fellow and his spouse to and within the United States are paid by the Eisenhower Fellowships. Travel to the United States will be by economy class air (American carrier) by the most direct route.

3. In addition to travel expenses, the Fellowship provides an adequate living allowance.
4. Professional program: Upon arrival in the United States, each Fellow follows a schedule of professional appointments developed by his program officer from the suggestions and preferences outlined in a Fellow's statement of purpose as well as from correspondence between a Fellow and the program officer prior to arrival. Because this preliminary program must be planned in advance, in making final selection, the nominating committee places strong emphasis on a nominee's statement of purpose. This statement of purpose must include the nature of a nominee's interests and problems he wishes to investigate as well as the nature of the appointments desired (with topics of discussion), all expressed in specific detail.

A preliminary program outline will be sent to the Fellow prior to his arrival for his approval. His ideas and suggestions are encouraged.

Fellows will meet leading men and women at all levels: working, planning, directing. Visits will not be perfunctory; rather, Fellows will have sufficient time to form an understanding of the problems that confront American business and professional people.

5. The Fellowships do not provide for prolonged stays at any single training or research facility. Fellows will not be enrolled in academic courses, except insofar as short seminars or conferences may be conveniently incorporated into their program.

Previous EC Commission grantees have included:

Enzo Millich, DG XVII - 1971
Benoit Aubenas, DG VIII - 1972
Paul Ramadier, DG III - 1973
Jean-Jacques Beuve-Mery, DG III - 1974
Herbert Ungerer, DG XIII - 1984
Mervyn Jones, DG II - 1990
Enrico Grillo Pasquarelli, DG VI - 1991