



**Announcement from
Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society**

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**CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY
ANNOUNCES THE
2010 EMERGING LEADERS INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (ELIFP)**

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the CUNY Graduate Center is pleased to announce that it will soon welcome five new Emerging Leaders International Fellows. Both the quality of applicants and the demand reached unprecedented levels this year, with close to 300 submissions from 66 countries worldwide. Since its inception twenty years ago, the International Fellows Program has sponsored 142 fellows from 54 countries, helping to build an international network of researchers and practitioners working on philanthropy and civil society.

The three-month *Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program* provides training to young scholar-practitioners from overseas, as well as from communities of color under-represented in the U.S. grantmaking sector, through applied research, seminars with scholars and practitioners, and professional networking opportunities. This year's program will focus on community foundations examined through a comparative framework of philanthropic trends and civil society development in a global context.

The Fellows, who will be at the Center from March 1 to May 28, 2010, are: Ms. Anna Gulevska-Chernysh from Kiev, Ukraine; Ms. Jennifer Litchfield from Winnipeg, Canada; Ms. Zeynep Meydanoğlu from Istanbul, Turkey; Ms. Bernadette Hellmann from Berlin, Germany; and Ms. Alexandra Nayeli Jiménez Martínez from México City, México.

In addition to writing an original research paper, Fellows will participate in seminars on US and international voluntary-sector activities; learn about the work of key agencies through readings and site visits; meet with leading nonprofit representatives and scholars in the field; and attend workshops relevant to their areas of interest.

This year's Emerging Leaders bring an impressive array of skills and experience to the program.

Ms. Anna Gulevska-Chernysh (Director, Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum) will identify strategies for donor support organizations that can sustain and promote community foundations and corporate philanthropy in post-Communist Europe.

Ms. Jennifer Litchfield (Donor Relations Coordinator, The Winnipeg Foundation) will explore how donor advised funds can make for better, more effective donor-advised grantmaking and foundations.

Ms. Zeynep Meydanoğlu (Programme Director, Third Sector Foundation of Turkey) will examine how to apply a social justice orientation to community foundations in Turkey in order to galvanize and strengthen Third Sector capacity.

Ms. Bernadette Hellmann (Program Director Community Foundations, Aktive Bürgerschaft e.V., Berlin) will research strategies for German community foundations to build capacity and ensure long-term financial sustainability.

Ms. Alexandra Nayeli Jiménez Martínez (Institutional Development Coordinator, Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center) will seek tools that will enable community foundations in México to better assess their impact on strategic local development in order to increase visibility and promote community foundation growth

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The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society is dedicated to strengthening philanthropy and civil society through education, research, and leadership training. Examples of the work our alumni have engaged in include laying the groundwork for and creating new community foundations and support organizations, establishing pooled funds in conjunction with educating communities about endowment building and strategic philanthropy, forming partnerships with community foundations across borders, and developing initiatives to share and strengthen knowledge about local philanthropy and community foundations in countries such as Egypt, Turkey, Mexico, Uruguay, Brazil, Russia and Poland.

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society is based at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), which is devoted primarily to doctoral study and awards most of CUNY's doctoral degrees. Founded in 1961, the Graduate Center is a nationally unique consortium of over 1700 faculty members, a core faculty of 130 Graduate Center appointments is supplemented by over 1600 additional faculty members drawn from throughout CUNY's eleven senior colleges and New York City's leading cultural and scientific institutions. With more than 4,000 doctoral students, they pursue a shared enterprise of expanding the boundaries of knowledge in over 30 doctoral programs and seven master's programs in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The recently released Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index placed ten of the Graduate Center's Ph.D. programs among the top ten in the country, and six were ranked in the top five. In the "broad" category of humanities, the Graduate Center was fourth; the first three were Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Augmenting this enterprise are about thirty research centers and institutes focused on areas of compelling social, civic, cultural, and scientific concerns. Also affiliated with the institution are four University Center programs: the CUNY Baccalaureate Program through which undergraduates can earn bachelor's degrees by taking courses at any of the CUNY colleges; the CUNY School of Professional Studies and the associated Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies; the recently established CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, which offers a master's degree in journalism; and Macaulay's Honor College. In addition, the Graduate Center extends its intellectual and cultural resources to the general public, offering access to a wide range of events, including lectures, symposia, performances, and workshops. We invite you to visit the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's website at [www.philanthropy.org](http://www.philanthropy.org). Further information on The Graduate Center and its programs is available at [www.gc.cuny.edu](http://www.gc.cuny.edu).