



ABOUT THE Fellowship

Young Professionals Foreign Policy Fellowship

The YPFPP Program seeks to build the leadership skills, enhance the organizational talents, and harness the potential of emerging foreign policy professionals from South Korea. Through this program, the World Movement for Democracy's Secretariat at the National Endowment for Democracy will host two Fellows in its Washington office from *August 1-August 30, 2019*.

The World Movement seeks to nurture the Fellows' leadership skills and afford the Fellows opportunities to engage in democracy promotion-related policy meetings in Washington, D.C. to develop their potential as future democracy promotion experts. Central to the fellowship would be an assignment to conduct information sharing discussions on South Korea's role in promoting and defending democracy in Asia. The Fellows would tap into the World Movement's global network of experts and professionals to exchange ideas, strategies, and best practices in areas such as values-based foreign policy, diplomacy, and human rights in Asia. Materials for, and products of, the fellowship would be compiled, presented, and disseminated globally.

Specifically, each fellow will engage in the following activities:

- Participate in relevant foreign policy events and discussions in Washington, D.C., to deepen their understanding of issues and build working relationships.
- Facilitate in person and online discussions;
- Conduct research on topics such as human rights and diplomacy
- Develop online resources, such as a collection of related publications
- Contribute to the World Movement/World Youth Movement social media posts

Each fellow will make one formal presentation. Presentations may be open to the public or geared to a more select audience and will focus on South Korea's democratic consolidation and the role of South Korea's foreign policy in Asia.

The World Movement for Democracy will select a fellow in consultation with NED's Asia Program, following an application process. Upon successful completion of the fellowship, the Fellow would join a cohort of World Movement fellowship alumni, gaining access to the World Movement's diverse network, including opportunities to participate in future regional and global initiatives and discussions.

Eligibility: Applicants interested in the YPFPP must be no older than 35 years of age. They must demonstrate strong interest in foreign policy issues and in the advancement of democracy in their respective communities, as well as worldwide. Young professionals affiliated with civil society organizations are especially encouraged to apply.



*Please Note: **Young Professionals Foreign Policy Fellowship** is open to applicants from South Korea. It does not provide scholarship funds or any other type of financial aid to university or graduate students, nor is it designed to support postdoctoral research. The program is not an educational program offering academic courses leading toward a degree. In addition, it does not provide financial support to those seeking to complete professional training programs, attend conferences, or pursue internships at other organizations.*

English Language Requirement: A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program for general communication purposes. All application materials must be submitted in English.

Selection Process: Following an application process, The World Movement Secretariat staff and NED's Asia regional program staff will select Fellows. Selection will be based on a set of criteria including demonstrated foreign policy or activism experience, or interest in the advancement of democracy, a desire to network with others, and a clear explanation of how the fellowship will benefit their own efforts for advancing democracy.

Residency Requirements: Fellows are expected to work full-time on their fellowship projects at the NED office in Washington, D.C. Fellows may not hold any other fellowships or be otherwise employed during the fellowship period without the express permission of World Movement Secretariat staff. Additional fellowships or work opportunities that coincide with the fellowship period must be brought to the attention of World Movement Secretariat staff prior to the candidate's acceptance of the Fellowship. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of the fellowship.

Young Professionals Foreign Policy Fellowships are not designed to support extensive fieldwork outside the Washington, D.C., area. The program recognizes the importance of establishing ties with counterparts elsewhere in the United States and abroad and understands that professional obligations may sometimes necessitate domestic or international travel. However, no funds will be available to support fellows' professional travel. Fellows are expected to be in residence at the NED for the entirety of the fellowship period in order to take full advantage of the professional resources available in D.C.

Fellowship Support and Services: Each fellow will receive a stipend for living expenses, plus basic health insurance and roundtrip travel to and from Washington, D.C. Stipends take into account the cost of living in Washington, D.C. Fellows are provided with a fully equipped office, including internet and email access, and a limited budget for fellowship-related long-distance phone calls.

The World Movement Secretariat staff plays a vital role in helping fellows realize their fellowship objectives by collaborating with them on their fellowship projects and engaging them in ongoing discussions about their work.



NED houses a Democracy Resource Center (DRC), which includes a library with some 20,000 works, including books, journals, grantee reports, and other publications on democracy. The DRC's expert staff members assist fellows with their research interests. Fellows may enjoy access to other local libraries as needed.

Cost of Living and Dependents: Applicants should bear in mind that the cost of living (housing, furniture, food, and other essential living expenses) in the Washington metropolitan area is very high and that fellowship stipends are *not* calculated to cover the financial needs of a family. *Fellows who wish to bring family members with them to Washington, D.C. will be expected to cover the costs of their dependents' roundtrip travel and stay within the United States.* The program does *not* ordinarily cover costs associated with dependents' health insurance. Please note that all dependents traveling to the United States on a J-2 dependent visa will be required to have basic health insurance coverage for the full period of their stay.

Visa Issues: Prior to their arrival in the United States, prospective fellows who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the United States must secure a J-1 exchange visitor visa. The International Forum for Democratic Studies assists fellows with the documentation needed to obtain visas.

Office Location and Contact Information: The National Endowment for Democracy is based in downtown Washington, D.C., at 1025 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004. Centrally located near the White House, the U.S. Congress, the National Mall, and the Smithsonian Institution, our office building sits above Metro Center, one of the major subway stations of the Washington metropolitan area.

For further information, please contact:

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ABOUT the HOST AND SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, nonprofit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. NED is governed by an independent, nonpartisan board of directors. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support pro-democracy groups in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC STUDIES

NED established the International Forum for Democratic Studies (the Forum) in 1994 in response to the need for sustained and serious analysis of democracy's problems and prospects throughout the world. Since then, the Forum has become the preeminent center for the study of the theoretical and practical aspects of democratic development worldwide. Through its fellowship programs, its publication of the quarterly *Journal of Democracy*, and its public seminars and symposia, the Forum enhances efforts to foster and improve democracy while also making important contributions to the field of comparative democratic studies.

WORLD MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY & WORLD YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

The World Movement for Democracy is a global network that brings together democracy activists, practitioners, academics, policy makers, and funders. NED initiated this nongovernmental effort in February 1999 at a global Assembly in New Delhi, India, to strengthen democracy where it is weak, to reform and invigorate democracy even where it is longstanding, and to bolster pro-democracy groups in countries that have not yet entered into a process of democratic transition.

At the Third Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in South Africa in 2004, a group of young democracy and human rights activists from around the world came together to found the World Youth Movement for Democracy to support each other, build solidarity, and develop sustainable democratic and human rights movements by empowering a younger generation.

Today, the Youth Movement serves as a platform for young democracy activists. It provides a space for young activists to build relationships with each other, to collaborate across borders, to deepen their knowledge on key issues by sharing information, and to develop practical skills. Like the World Movement, the Youth Movement supports youth participation in efforts to strengthen democracy in their countries.

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PART II: APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application Term

August 1-August 30, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All application materials must be submitted by **1 June 2019.**

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION: Applicants are asked to submit the following:

- ✓ Applicant Form;
- ✓ C.V./Resume; and
- ✓ Two Letters of Recommendation

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS: The Applicant Form has four sections: (1) Personal Information; (2) Project Proposal; (3) Curriculum Vitae/Résumé; and (4) Two Letters of Recommendation. Each applicant must complete the entire Form. Please note that incomplete application forms will not be reviewed.

Short Responses: Your short responses are the most important part of your fellowship application. It should be clear, concise, and comprehensible to individuals outside your own field or concentration. In your application, please ensure that you respond to the following:

1. What are three specific topics or questions related to South Korea's democratic consolidation and/or foreign policy that you would like to explore during your fellowship and how would you conduct research and develop information materials that could be used for broader dissemination?
2. How would you benefit professionally from your time in Washington and what will that mean for your organization?
3. How can South Korea become a more robust leader to defend and promote democracy in the Asia region and beyond at a time where we see a major vacuum of traditional democratic leadership?

Strong applications will exhibit the following characteristics:

- A clear focus and rationale for selected topics, strategic meetings, and information materials
- A well-defined approach to your selected topics, with tangible benefits to colleagues and counterparts in your field.

Curriculum Vitae/Résumé: Please prepare a curriculum vitae or résumé and upload it in section 4 of the application portal. Your curriculum vitae or résumé should highlight your relevant professional experience, educational background, community service, and/or extra-curricular activities.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFEREES

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation for an applicant to the **Young Professionals Foreign Policy Fellowship** Program at the World Movement for Democracy. Your frank appraisal of the applicant greatly help us in our selection process. For more information on the fellowship and the World Movement for Democracy, please go to www.movedemocracy.org

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

We would greatly appreciate your candid comments on the following:

- The length of time and context in which you have known the applicant
- Your opinion of his or her background, qualifications, accomplishments, and experiences
- Your views on the suitability of the applicant the Young Professionals Foreign Policy Fellowship Program
- Any other information you feel is important to share concerning the candidate

Submit your letter of recommendation:

Please email your letters of recommendation to youthfellows@ned.org. Please include the applicant's first and last name along with the words "Letter of Recommendation" in the subject line.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted in English or accompanied by an English translation. Please format your letter as a MS Word Document (.doc) or Adobe PDF (.pdf). Please note that letters of recommendation should not be shared with applicants.

Deadline: The deadline to submit your letter of recommendation is **1 June, 2019**.

For any technical problems, please email youthfellows@ned.org

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