



URBAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2009-2010

The Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond and the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies are pleased to announce the annual competition for the

Johns Hopkins University-Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Fellowship in Urban Studies

Seeking qualified Swedish candidates for a Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

The Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies offers a rich research infrastructure, including libraries, online resources and databases, and professional colleagues.

Candidates must have demonstrated a high degree of experience and professional competence in urban studies research, and be capable of carrying out independent research and inquiry.

Additional requirements:

- Cross-national research proposal on a policy issue related to the growth, decline, and/or revitalization of cities and the well-being of their citizens
- At minimum, a university diploma that is the equivalent of an American Bachelor of Arts or Science degree
- High degree of written and spoken English fluency
- Urban scholars, policymakers, and practitioners are eligible

The successful candidate will conduct research at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies and will receive a stipend commensurate with current position. Tuition, travel to and from and within the United States, and participation in the next annual conference of the International Urban Fellows Association are also covered.

Interested parties are invited to the website <http://ips.jhu.edu/pub/International-Fellows-in-Urban-Studies> for additional information about the International Fellows in Urban Studies program and an application form. Questions may be directed to:

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Applications for 2009-2010 are due April 1, 2009.

**Johns Hopkins University
Institute for Policy Studies
International Fellows in Urban Studies Program**

The 39-year-old Johns Hopkins International Urban Fellows Program provides an opportunity for international scholars and practitioners in urban studies to come to Johns Hopkins University to conduct advanced study and research. Junior or senior level scholars or professionals working in urban studies, city planning, social welfare, and local and regional development spend up to eight months conducting cross-national research on an issue of their choice.

Alumni fellows become part of a worldwide network of urban studies professionals who interact regularly and meet annually with selected urban experts from around the world at a working meeting hosted by a former fellow, where they share insights about urban policy innovations and apply their collective knowledge to local challenges. In recent conferences, fellows convened in Barcelona, Spain to examine metropolitan planning and governance; in Zurich, Switzerland to look at sustainable cities and regions; in Padova and Venice, Italy to focus on immigration; in Split and Dubrovnik, Croatia to examine tourism as an economic development strategy; to study the role of planning in urban public safety in Paris, France; and to explore the balance between economic development and historic preservation in Mersin and Istanbul, Turkey. Every 10 years, the conference is held in Baltimore, allowing the fellows to observe the changes in the city since their fellowship visit, and to engage in discussions with local officials. The 2000 conference focused on urban revitalization. At each conference, fellows present their findings to key decision-makers on the last day, and then prepare a written report that is published by the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies.

Previous fellows have testified that the program was the launch point for their careers, or for the course of study that has formed the core of their life's work. They believe that the comparative understanding of urban issues in America and worldwide that they gained during their fellowship in Baltimore enabled them to become leaders in their academic or professional fields, and to become forces for positive change in their own cities. Other fellows who participated at a later point in their careers found the fellowship to be an opportunity to broaden the cross-national application of their knowledge. Alumni include the recent president of the government of Catalunya (Spain), vice rector of a Turkish university, a leading French biographer, the state director of research of Romania, the director of UNESCO's World Heritage Centre, a past president of Peru, the Deputy Mayor of Krakow, and over 250 other leaders in academia, government, and public and private sector organizations working on city issues around the world. Fellows serve on the faculties of universities in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosova, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Candidates can be university faculty or researchers, public officials, or private consultants. Successful candidates should have strong interest and a proven record of accomplishment in urban studies, the capability to conduct independent research into some facet of the growth, decline, or revitalization of cities or the welfare of their citizens, and a high degree of written and spoken English fluency.

Examples of topics studied by previous fellows include:

- Socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable development
- Urbanism and urban planning
- Demography
- Housing and urban renewal
- Public-private partnerships
- Governance, citizen participation and integration
- Social welfare and inclusion
- Innovation and entrepreneurship

Fellows from Italy and Sweden have the opportunity to apply for funding of their fellowship. The stipend, commensurate with current position, is provided by the Compagnia di San Paolo (Italy) and Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden). Tuition, travel to and from the United States, travel within the United States, and participation in one annual conference are also covered.

Please visit the Institute for Policy Studies website for further information about the program and application forms: <http://www.jhu.edu/~ips/fellows/urban/index.html>. Questions should be directed to Dr. Sandra Newman, director of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies (sjn@jhu.edu) or to the International Urban Fellows program coordinator, Marsha Schachtel, (mschacht@jhu.edu).