



Norwegian Nobel Institute Research Fellowships 2009-2010:

“The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: Past experiences and future challenges.”

The Norwegian Nobel Institute runs a small research program on issues related to peace and war. As part of that program the Institute awards a limited number of guest researcher fellowships. We are now announcing the fellowships for the spring terms 2009 and 2010. Scholars of any nationality in history, political science, and international law are invited to apply. Both Senior Fellowships for distinguished scholars with a substantial record of publication in her/his fields and General Fellowships for scholars in the earlier stages of their post-doctoral careers are available. To qualify for a Nobel Institute Research Fellowship, a Ph.D. is a minimum requirement. The program runs from February throughout June each year. Applications may be for 2, 3, 4 and 5 months in either 2009 or 2010.

The Senior Fellowship is NOK 20,000 plus free housing worth approximately NOK 15,000 per month. The General Fellowship is NOK 16,000 plus free housing worth approximately NOK 15,000 per month, respectively. The Institute also covers travel expenses (economy class), office equipment, and the purchase of specific research materials for the Nobel Institute Library. Fellows must be free to devote full time to study and writing and will be expected to spend most of their time at the Institute. Moreover, the Institute expects each fellow to take active part in our research seminars and to present at least one original seminar paper during his/her stay.

The research program in 2009 and 2010 will focus on the causes and consequences of nuclear proliferation. The basic idea is to collect a group of 5-6 scholars with a strong interest in the history of nuclear proliferation and/or the current and likely future challenges to the non-proliferation regime to work on their individual topics under the same roof. The individual projects may look at the proliferation history of a particular country, or group of countries, or seek to identify more general causal patterns. They may also explore legal aspects of the NPT; analyze the historical evidence, theoretical assumptions and political arguments that have been used to justify or criticize the present nuclear order; or suggest measures to be taken in order to strengthen the non-proliferation regime.

We do not use any standardized application form. To apply, please send us your research project proposal together with a CV, a list of publications and two letters of recommendation. The project proposal should be brief (normally, 3-4 pages are enough) and outline first of all the main questions that you want to address, as well as the methods, theories and empirical sources that you will use in addressing them. It should also contain a few words about the relevance and potential importance of your project for the scholarly debate in your field of research.

The application deadline is February 15, 2008.
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