

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The 2012-13 Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellows in Central European Studies

**Johns Hopkins University
Center for Transatlantic Relations
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC**

The Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellowships in Central European Studies enable each year two outstanding scholars to conduct research on important issues related to Central Europe at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. The third pair of Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellows will be appointed for a nine (9) month period from October 2012-June 2013.

The Fellows are closely integrated into the research, training, and outreach activities of the Center for Transatlantic Relations (CTR) at SAIS, and will participate in CTR events and meetings. Each Fellow is expected to complete a research paper during the period of residence according to the terms of the assignment entered into with the Foundation.

Each year the Center and the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation identify several themes of particular interest. For 2012-13, the Center is particularly interested in receiving applications that deal with any of the following:

- The impact of sovereign debt crisis and the economic crisis on the countries of central and eastern Europe
- The future of the western Balkans
- Energy security issues
- 'Frozen' or 'festering' conflicts in central and eastern Europe
- The role of central and eastern European countries in transatlantic approaches to common challenges.

Eligibility

Applicants for the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellowship must have a doctorate or be at the post-doctorate level, have demonstrated research capacity, be fluent in English, and be eligible for a J-1 visa. Preference will be given to qualified and competitive candidates from Austria, but the Fellowship is open to candidates of other nationalities as well.

Stipend

The Fellow will enter into a research assignment with the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation and will receive a monthly stipend of \$5,000; an office with computer; Internet access and voicemail; access to Johns Hopkins University libraries and other facilities. The Fellow is expected to take care of his/her travel, accommodation, health care coverage and living expenses.

Application Procedure

Each applicant should submit the following (in English):

1. A letter supporting the application.
2. A 3 to 5 page double-spaced statement that proposes a research project, including its relevance to the research interests of the Center.
3. A curriculum vitae.

4. Two sealed letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's professional competence.

The applicant is responsible for collecting all materials and submitting them as one packet **before March 30, 2012** to:

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The Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellows are selected by the Center for Transatlantic Relations and the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation. Applicants will be **notified by April 15, 2012**. The 2012-2012 Fellowship begins on October 1, 2012.

For further information, write to transatlantic@jhu.edu or office@marshallplan.at or call 1-202-663-5880.