



## **IAR Student Fellows Program – Call for Applications**

We invite applications for the 2013-14 IAR Fellows (IARF) Program.

The IARF program brings together a select cohort of up to twenty meritorious graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in research related to the agenda of the Institute (integrating Asia and policy questions). IARFs are awarded one-year seed funding.

It is expected that IAR Fellows actively participate in events and activities of the Institute. A few events will be organized especially for the cohort of IAR Fellows.

The term of the fellowship is the calendar year 2014. IAR Fellows must be present in Vancouver at least from January to May 2014.

Requirements for the fellows include:

1. Attending regular events
2. Doing one presentation of research during the year or co-organizing an event with a guest speaker or a debate
3. Submit one short memo with the Asia Pacific Memo  
<http://www.asiapacificmemo.ca/become-a-contributor>
4. And fulfill some service / RA work at the IAR with the appropriate centers, clusters, or faculty
5. Filing a final report summarizing RA work done and research conducted during the term.

### **Two Streams of Scholars in Year 2013-2014**

There are three streams of applications. Please note in your application the stream for which you are applying (it is possible to apply for both Stream 1 and Stream 2).

**Stream 1: Open Graduate Component:** 15 slots of \$1000 each of research money to pursue projects related to **Asian contemporary policy** questions broadly defined (such as environment, health, food safety, political economy, education, international relations, trade, human rights, global governance, social questions, political change, etc.)

- Open competition
- 4 slots reserved for MAAPPS
- 2 slots reserved for students interested in India (or India and the world)
- Includes 10 hours of RA support for IAR with related faculty or IAR centres / clusters



**Stream 1a:** two of these IAR Fellows will be selected for a special Global Governance and Asia track and are expected to join Yves Tiberghien at the G20 in Brisbane in November 2014 (with additional research funding to cover travel expenses of 2K each)

- if you wish to be considered to one such spot on Asia and the G20, please add one page to your application with your motivation and qualifications for joining this track.

**Stream 2: Undergraduate Component:** 5 slots of 1K for Undergraduate IAR scholar fellowships. Same principle as Component 2 but with higher RA content:

- 12 hours of RAship
- Rest is free to spend on research (travel, books, etc.)
- 1 slot reserved for someone interested in India

**Eligibility:**

- All enrolled graduate students (MA and PHD) and at UBC (for the duration of the scholarship, i.e. academic year 2013-2014) are eligible to apply. Senior-level undergraduate students with a minimum GPA of 76% are encouraged to apply.
- Previous IAR Fellows are welcome to apply again for another year, with interruption or without (with a maximum total of 2 years allowed over the entire lifetime at UBC)

**Application:** (to be sent by email in one email to Kerry Ross: [kerry.ross@ubc.ca](mailto:kerry.ross@ubc.ca)) with the following 4 components:

1. A 2-page letter of intent that includes a project title, narrative, intended objectives/outputs, qualifications, and the name of at least one faculty member who could serve as your mentor.
2. UBC record of courses and grades (or latest year before UBC otherwise): unofficial transcript downloaded from UBC website OK.
3. Two academic referees: name, position, and email only (no need to include letters).
4. Name of stream you are applying to in the subject line of the email.

**Criteria for Adjudication of Applications:**

1. Merit (transcript) and possible references (only names requested)
2. Research Proposal: focus on Asia and policy questions, quality of project

**Deadline: November 15, 2013.**

**The Fellows program will begin in January 2014 with the orientation session on January 16, Thursday from 5pm to 730pm at IAR. Attendance is mandatory as part of the application commitment.**



## **Annex #1 – IAR Fellows 2013**

### **IAR MISSION:**

The Institute of Asian Research (IAR) is UBC's entrepreneurial focal point on contemporary Asian policy issues. The Institute looks to build the kind of knowledge that supports deep understanding and effective action in addressing a wide range of domestic, regional and global problems centered on contemporary Asia. It seeks to advance this mission through five major activities: research, teaching (Asia oriented policy degree), network-building across UBC, community interaction, and policy engagement. The Institute works closely with the International Office and other units across campus in supporting collaborations with Asian partners.

### **RESEARCH HUB ON ASIA POLICY AND CONTEMPORARY AFFAIRS:**

As a campus-wide hub, the IAR supports individual research and incubates collaborative projects in a range of areas, among them: domestic and regional public policy issues related to governance and policy formulation, the history and development of contemporary institutions, economic and social policy, human security, the role of religion, resource management, and urbanization; Asian capacity for dealing with regional, trans-national and global policy issues, including interactions with North America and other parts of the world.

Reflecting the complexities and significance of contemporary Asia, the Institute looks to build collaborations across a range of disciplines, starting with the social sciences and humanities and extending into the natural sciences, commerce, law, and health. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century this can only be done in partnership with research and teaching organizations in Asia and other parts of the world.

The Institute's structure includes five geographic-based centres (China, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, Indian and South Asia) and a shifting array of thematic clusters that current include collaborations on China and Global Governance.

[IAR is a project incubator for cross-campus research clusters on Asia policy and contemporary society.]

IAR links social sciences and humanities. Scholars do not just seek to study policy issues in IAR; they also seek to ask the big questions about the local and global roots of social, politics, economic, and environmental problems. IAR works together with other Research Institutes in the joint sponsorship of lectures on Asia.

### **PUBLICATION AND OUTREACH:**

To facilitate its mission, the Institute supports a respected academic journal, Pacific Affairs, and various experiments in e-publication focused on wider public and policy



audiences. It also supports trans-Pacific dialogue and research programs with partners in several Asian countries.

*You can read about IAR faculty and their work [here](#).*

### **INCUBATOR OF ASIA POLICY PROGRAM**

IAR is the home for an established master degree in Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAAPPS).

IAR is tasked with developing a larger 2-year Master of Public Affairs (or Master of Public Policy) focused on Asia policy, current problems and on the dialogue between Asia and North America over globally-oriented issues. This MPA/MPP is developed in relation to the larger policy development at UBC and will include dual degree partnerships across Asia.

### **IAR FELLOWSHIP**

IAR is the home for a campus-wide fellowship program, the IAR Fellows Program. The IAR Fellows Program seeks to foster a generation of top leaders in Asia policy questions from across disciplines. It is open to all graduate students at UBC who have a substantial empirical interest Asia. The program gives support to the research of fellows, but also emphasizes networking and linkages among them.

### **POLICY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

IAR seeks to make policy research accessible and useful to our larger community in Vancouver, BC, Canada, and globally.

It is a welcoming home for the wider Asian diaspora in BC on questions of contemporary Asia and is closely linked with policy communities in Canada and the United States and across the Pacific.

This role relies on the presence of both country level centers and thematic (horizontal) research clusters such as Asian Urbanism, Global China, Thought and Society in Contemporary China, etc.

### **TEAM PLAYER at UBC**

IAR has worked closely with the Department of Asian Studies – the university’s focal point on Asian humanities, language and culture—and the Liu Institute for Global Issues in joint appointments and programming. It is developing deeper partnerships with the Museum of Anthropology and other units across the campus including the Business School, Law, Science, Applied Sciences, Education, and Medicine through the area centres and research clusters.