

Human Security Research Fellowships Call for Proposals:

The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA) is pleased to announce our 2011-2012 Human Security Research Fellowship Program call for proposals.

Our Human Security Research Fellowships are intended to support research on human security issues, including topics such as: human security, sustainable development, development of alternative energy sources and pro-poor technologies, medical and public health interventions, environmental change, peace building and conflict resolution.

We especially encourage applications in the fields of medicine, the natural sciences, engineering, and information technology where the research has applicability to reducing human insecurity.

Application Deadline: Monday, February 6, 2012 by 5:00 pm.

What is Human Security?

The concept of human security received its most familiar definition from the United Nations Development Program. "Security has for too long been interpreted narrowly: as security of territory... or as protection of national interests... or as global security from the threat of nuclear holocaust.... Forgotten were the legitimate concerns of ordinary people who sought security in their daily lives." From this perspective, human security can be said to have two main aspects. It means, first, safety from such chronic threats as hunger, disease and repression. And, second, it means protection from sudden and hurtful disruptions in the patterns of daily life.

Application Process

This call for proposals is open to all UCI graduate students (including full time masters and doctoral students, medical students, and postdoctoral scholars). While all UCI graduate students are eligible for these fellowships, preference will be given to students who will have advanced to candidacy prior to using fellowship funds. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they are eligible to receive fellowship funds. Preference in funding will be given to students and postdoctoral scholars who have not received funding in previous years. Awards typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Applications should include a Curriculum Vitae, a letter of support by a faculty advisor and a Research Proposal of no more than three single spaced pages that explains how the applicant will undertake original research on a pressing human security challenge. This proposal should include a description of the research activity and methods, and provide a simple budget detailing how the fellowship funds will be used to support the project.

Applications should be sent to the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs at cusa@uci.edu no later than **5:00 pm on Monday, February 6, 2012**. The fellows will be chosen by a committee of CUSA Affiliates and external reviewers and announced during Spring Quarter 2012. Fellowship funds will be available for use during the summer of 2012.

About the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs

The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA) was established in 2003 at the University of California, Irvine as the innovative hub of a global research network that studies and develops solutions to unconventional security challenges through practical research on sustainability and global change. CUSA undertakes interdisciplinary research to understand and develop solutions to challenges such as the human dimensions of climate change; the links between environment, conflict, and peace; global terrorist networks; and transnational threats to health and food security. CUSA's education programs prepare the next generation of leaders and researchers. CUSA's public service activities enhance awareness, preparedness and response to help policymakers and community address emerging security challenges that impact our families, communities, and our nation. More information about CUSA, the fellowships, and past winners is available at:

<http://www.cusa.uci.edu/programs/fellowships.html>