Thank you for your interest in the new GPD Fellowship Program, a joint project of the Stanford Association for International Development (SAID) and Student Opportunities for International Learning (SOIL). Below is some information about the 2006 fellowships. The application and fellowship descriptions can be found at http://said.stanford.edu. For further inquiries regarding the program, please send an email to GPDFellowships@gmail.com. Thank you again for your interest, and good luck with the application process!

PURPOSE

The purpose of the GPD Fellowship Program is to provide qualified and committed Stanford students with the opportunity to gain meaningful experience in the field of international development. The Fellowship Program is a key component of the mission of SAID and SOIL to promote interest in international service. Upon their return, fellows are encouraged to contribute to SAID’s new mentorship program and the Stanford community at large.

2006 FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

• The Foundation for the Development of Needy Communities (FDNC), Uganda
• CINI Asha, the urban unit of Child In Need Institute (CINI), Kolkata, India

SAID Fellows will be placed with international NGOs in the field. The fellows will be given a great deal of freedom to create self-initiated projects within the scope of the larger organizations and concordant with the NGO objectives and goals. However, SAID and SOIL will work with the sponsoring organizations to create general project expectations for the fellows. Please see the SAID website for more information on participating organizations.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the two summer fellowships, an applicant must be an enrolled Stanford student for the 2006-2007 academic year and cannot have conferred his/her undergraduate degree before the completion of the fellowship. Thus, graduating seniors are ineligible. An applicant may apply for both fellowships offered this year. The applicant must rank the fellowships in the order of preference, as well as address both positions in the personal statement. Applicants must submit complete application packets for each application.
PROCESS

Each applicant is required to submit 3 copies of:
• the personal data sheet,
• signed statement of academic commitment,
• official transcript,
• one-page résumé,
• a letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's academic work and abilities
• personal statement of no more than 800 words. This statement should address (1) the values, principles, and personal factors affecting your decision to apply for this particular GPD fellowship (or both, if you are submitting a dual application); (2) relevant personal experiences, skills, qualities, or other assets you might bring to your work; (3) a brief reflection on why you want to work internationally and on development-related issues; and (4) how you think this experience would support your personal and/or academic growth.

*Note: If you are applying for both fellowships, we ask that you address part 1 separately for each position.

Overseas applicants must e-mail applications to GPDFellowships@gmail.com by 5 PM Pacific on the due date (along with an electronic copy of an unofficial, rather than official, transcript). Recommenders for students not studying on the Stanford campus should turn letters in to the SAID mailbox at the Haas Center for Public Service. On-campus applicants should turn complete application packets in to the SAID mailbox at the Haas Center by 5 PM on the due date.

Selection committees composed of Stanford faculty and Haas Center and SAID representatives will evaluate applications to determine up to five finalists to be interviewed for each position. From these finalists, a prospective fellow will be selected, and his/her application will be forwarded to the host office for final approval.

REQUIREMENTS

While all qualified candidates will have a basic knowledge of development processes and the developing world, the most important factor in selection will be enthusiasm and the desire to learn about community-based development and the work of development organizations.

Fellows must commit to working for at least eight consecutive weeks during the summer of 2006. The exact timing of the fellowship period will be negotiated between the Fellow and the host organizations. SAID will assist Fellows in searches for summer housing.

In addition to completing the application process, selected fellows will be required to take a two-unit Student Initiated training course during spring quarter. The course will provide fellows with the skills and tools to contribute meaningfully towards the goals and projects of the organizations they work with. Professionals, practitioners, and academics with expertise in these fields will frequently be speaking and leading workshops throughout the course.

Further, selected fellows are asked to:

• Meet with an assigned faculty mentor during the spring quarter,
• Complete evaluation forms during and following the completion of the fellowship,
• Participate in the selection of fellows for the 2007 fellowships.
SAID will provide stipends that assist Fellows with travel and summer living expenses. Since this is the first year of our fellowship program, we are unsure of the level of funding we will be able to provide. However, we guarantee to provide at minimum $1,500 per summer fellow, and contingent on the success of our fundraising efforts through the winter and spring, we hope to offer up to $3,500 for each fellow. Summer Fellows commit to working for at least eight consecutive weeks. Receipt of the stipend is contingent upon the fulfillment of such an arrangement. Please contact SAID or the Haas Center for Public Service for information on other sources of funding that may be used to defray the costs of pursuing a SAID summer fellowship.

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Applicants selected as fellows will have until Wednesday, March 7 to accept the fellowship.