



## Research Fellowship 2009 – 2010

The Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University (WWU) announces the 2009 - 2010 Research Fellow competition. The competition is open to individuals with outstanding research proposals focusing on contemporary Canada-US border topics. Foci include transportation, economic, security, immigration, and environmental issues directly related to the Canada-US border. The project must have relevance to public policy and provide recommendations to the policy community.

### **Eligibility:**

- Persons with demonstrated research accomplishments from academe, government and the private sector.
- Academic candidates must hold the Ph.D. or the terminal degree in their discipline.
- For applicants whose native language is not English, there must be evidence that the applicant is fluent in English so as to easily conduct research, discuss work with colleagues, and make public presentations.
- Foreign applicants must have the ability to hold a passport and a J-1 visa.

### **Selection Criteria:**

- Significance and relevance of the research to contemporary border issues and policy challenges facing Canada and the U.S.
- Quality of the proposal in terms of organization, methodology, clarity and scope.
- Demonstrated qualifications for carrying out the research in the time allotted to the Fellowship.
- Capabilities and achievements of the applicant.

### **Fellow's Affiliation and Responsibilities:**

Fellows will be affiliated with the Border Policy Research Institute. Fellows are expected to present their research in an Institute-sponsored research seminar and to make occasional presentations to the public and to policy communities involved in Canada-US relations. Fellows are expected to devote full time to a project and not accept a teaching assignment or other responsibility that requires absence from the Institute for prolonged periods of time.

Any publications resulting from the Fellow's research project must acknowledge the support of the Institute. The Institute reserves the right to report on funded research in the form of Institute publications and/or web-based reports. In addition to any publication medium that is pursued (i.e., journal, book, poster session), Fellows are expected to provide a non-copyrighted "Working Paper" version of research results that can be used by the Institute.

**Length of Appointment:**

The academic year at WWU is September 16, 2009, through June 15, 2010, and is divided into trimesters. A Fellowship may be for two trimesters (six months) or for a shorter duration to coincide with a leave of absence that a fellow has arranged with his/her home institution.

**Stipend:**

The Institute will provide a stipend to supplement any sabbatical salary that a Fellow concurrently receives. The standard stipend is \$5,000 per month, but a larger stipend is available if warranted by individual circumstances. The Institute provides an office and a Windows-based computer, together with access to university research resources (i.e., library, on-line databases). No allotment is made for the Fellow's travel to Bellingham. In his/her proposal, a Fellow may request additional funds to cover expenses critical to the accomplishment of the research (e.g., research-related travel, proprietary data set).

**To Apply:**

Applicants must submit a description of their research project (no more than 5 single-spaced pages), two letters of recommendation, and a copy of their curriculum vita. The project description must include an explanation of the project, a discussion of methods and of sources of material, and a discussion of the policy significance and relevance of the topic. The letters of recommendation must include an assessment of the proposed project (within the context of the selection criteria noted above), as well as the capabilities and achievements of the researcher. Letters must be sent by their authors directly to the address below.

Complete applications must be received by November 14, 2008, and a Fellow will be selected prior to December 19, 2008. Applications may be sent electronically or by regular mail to:

Fellowship Competition  
Border Policy Research Institute  
516 High Street, MS 9110  
Bellingham, WA 98225-9110

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**WWU and the Institute:**

WWU is located in Bellingham, Washington, 25 miles from the Canadian border, 50 miles south of Vancouver, B.C., and 85 miles north of Seattle. Bellingham and its environs offer a superb quality of life, as witnessed by the selection of Bellingham in several national "10-best" lists. WWU has gained prominence as one of the best regional universities in the Northwest, and has particular strength in the field of Canadian Studies. WWU's Center for Canadian – American Studies was founded in 1971 and is a National Resource Center for the study of Canada, as designated by the U.S. Department of Education. Information regarding the Institute, WWU, and Bellingham can be viewed at the web sites noted below:

The Institute: <http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~bpri>

WWU: <http://www.wwu.edu>

The Center for Canadian – American Studies: <http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~canam>

Bellingham: <http://www.bellingham.org>