

**ROBIN COPELAND MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP**  
**2016 – 2017**

The Robin Copeland Memorial Fellowship (RCMF) provides emerging women leaders with the opportunity to develop professional knowledge of international security policy, with a technical emphasis on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) threat mitigation. The one-year, three-phase fellowship provides a multifaceted professional development experience, equipping selected applicants with the tools to meet contemporary challenges in international security.

Robin Copeland was a dedicated U.S. civil servant and female leader in the field of international security and nonproliferation. In particular, Ms. Copeland served in the U.S. Embassy to Russia in Moscow in the 1990s, where she led the implementation of the U.S. Department of Energy's programmatic activities to secure Russian nuclear materials. Over the course of her career, Ms. Copeland passionately advocated to increase female leadership in international security. The RCMF is an initiative to honor Ms. Copeland's memory and to continue her legacy.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

RCMF is awarded to early to mid-career **female** candidates with professional and academic experience or interest in international security. CRDF Global seeks an applicant, from South Africa, who is interested in gaining policy and technical subject matter expertise in **nuclear nonproliferation**, and is dedicated to advancing WMD nonproliferation norms and policies throughout her career. The fellow will complete a comprehensive academic and professional curriculum in three consecutive phases beginning in January 2016 and culminating with a nuclear nonproliferation capstone project of her choice. The fellow will work with a mentor who will be an established professional in the field of nonproliferation:

- **Phase I (January – May, 2016 in Monterey, California):** Enroll in the three-month non-certificate Visiting Fellows Program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. The fellow will attend lectures and seminars on various topics related to nuclear nonproliferation and write a final research paper at the conclusion of the program.
- **Phase II (May – August, 2016 in Washington, D.C.):** Participate in a three-month internship at a leading WMD nonproliferation organization in Washington, D.C.
- **Phase III (August, 2016 – January, 2017 in the fellow's home country):** Complete a final capstone project demonstrating lessons and best practices learned during phases I and II. The capstone project should further nuclear nonproliferation goals in the fellow's home country or internationally. During this phase, the fellow will continue her professional development by attending relevant conferences, trainings, and workshops and networking with subject matter experts in the field. The capstone project can include, but is not limited to, conducting a seminar series, organizing a conference or workshop, or starting a branch of a U.S. or international professional association in the fellow's home country.

The fellowship is funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York and CRDF Global, including all costs related to domestic and international travel, course tuition and fees, housing, ground transportation, and visa application fees. The program will provide a monthly stipend to the fellow while in the United States and financial support to implement her final capstone project.

**APPLICATION**

This fellowship is open to women only and is not a degree-granting program. To be considered for the fellowship, please submit the following to CRDF Global at [copelandfellowship@crdfglobal.org](mailto:copelandfellowship@crdfglobal.org) by **Friday, November 13, 2015**:

- A completed RCMF application form;
- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV);
- A passport copy;
- A nuclear nonproliferation project proposal, not to exceed two pages single-spaced (see last two pages of application); and
- Two letters of recommendation (*All letters of recommendation should be written by a teacher under whom you have studied or pursued research OR by a supervisor at your place of employment. Letters of reference should not be written by relatives (blood or marriage) or personal friends.*)

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. CONTACT INFORMATION (AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle):

Home Address (Street, Building, City, Country):

Home Telephone Number:

Mobile Telephone Number:

Email:

Second Email:

City and State of Birth:

Citizenship(s):

**B. PASSPORT AND TRAVEL INFORMATION:** *Please include a scanned color copy of your passport with your application*

Do you have a valid passport to enter the U.S.?

YES  NO

Passport series number:

Passport Expiration Date:

Do you have a U.S. visa?

YES  NO

Type of visa:

Visa Expiration Date:

**LIST PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: INDICATE PLACES, DATES AND REASONS**

COUNTRY	DATES	SPONSOR	PURPOSE

**C. PLEASE LIST ANY CONTACTS YOU HAVE IN THE UNITED STATES (Please identify the nature of the relationship including family, friends, business associates)**

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	INSTITUTE/UNIVERSITY/ETC.	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP

**D. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS FELLOWSHIP:**

- Social Media
- Colleague
- University
- Other

*If other, please describe:*

**II. EDUCATION**

**A. LIST ALL UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT (attach additional pages as needed):**

DATES	INSTITUTE/UNIVERSITY	MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY	DEGREE/DATE RECEIVED

**B. INDICATE ANY ACADEMIC HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED (*Include titles and dates.*)**

**C. LIST PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS OR OTHER ORGANZIATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER, PAST OR PRESENT (Include the dates of your membership.)**

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**D. LANGUAGE SKILLS: (Rate yourself Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor for all languages with which you are familiar.)**

LANGUAGE	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING	COMPREHENSION
ENGLISH				

**HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN A TOEFL OR IELTS EXAM? IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR SCORE.**

Yes  No

**III. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

**CURRENT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:**

<b>NAME OF EMPLOYER:</b>	<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>YEARS AT JOB:</b>
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**DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILTIES:**

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**LIST YOUR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT:**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>NAME OF EMPLOYER</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>POSITION/ TITLE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES</b>

#### **IV. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

##### **Essay # 1:**

**In the space provided below, explain the areas of nuclear nonproliferation that most interest you and your objectives for your fellowship. Please be specific. Include individual topics about which you would like to increase your knowledge and any particular skills you would like to develop. Describe how your educational and professional experience, leadership qualities, and background will assist you in accomplishing your nuclear nonproliferation goals.**

**Essay #2**

**In under 500 words, write a brief proposal for a final capstone project to be implemented in your home country. Describe how your vision for the project will promote nuclear nonproliferation. The proposal should include clearly stated objectives, an implementation plan and timeline, and an estimated budget for completing the project.**

**V. CERTIFICATION:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (applicant name) affirm that the information submitted in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false information on this application may disqualify me from receiving this scholarship.

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(Signature)

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(Date)