

**Northeast Asia Economic Forum
Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program**

Fellowship Announcement

2023 EMERGING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF) is pleased to announce the 16th Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program (ELP).

In cooperation with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Social Sciences, the ELP will be held from July 31 to August 14, 2023, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Please note that these dates do NOT include travel time.

With consistent support from the Freeman Foundation, NEAEF has been conducting its annual ELP since 2006.

2023 ELP FELLOWSHIP

NEAEF awards ELP fellowships to support early-career professionals seeking multilateral cooperation and mutual understanding to advance economic development and social inclusion within Northeast Asia and the Pacific.

Fellowship awards are merit-based and competitive. NEAEF welcomes applications from early career professionals in business, government, and higher education, as well as graduate students pursuing doctoral degrees in economics, public affairs, political science, business, energy, history, law, sociology, anthropology, environmental sciences, IT/computer science, international relations, tourism, global health, and related disciplines.

The primary goals of the Emerging Leaders Program include:

- (1) Enhancing knowledge of the social, economic, educational, and political institutions of the individual countries in Northeast Asia, the Pacific, and the United States;
- (2) Encouraging understanding and mutual respect for a wide range of perspectives on regional and multilateral economic cooperation;
- (3) Advancing international collaboration across a variety of sectors, including energy,

education, health, tourism, technology, transportation, and other areas of regional economic cooperation;

- (4) Providing practical education in peace and policymaking through opportunities for direct dialogue with policymakers and other experts;
- (5) Developing the capacity to conduct and use research for policymaking purposes;
- (6) Promoting a better understanding of individual countries and cultures, as well as a shared regional history; and
- (7) Fostering a continuing sense of community.

ELP PROGRAM COMPONENTS

ELP consists of open dialogues, partnership building, and experiences devoted to fostering regional economic cooperation and inclusive and sustainable development. ELP fellows will tackle topics relating to economic restructuring and lessons learned as countries in Northeast Asia and the Pacific emerge from the global pandemic. With guidance from senior leaders, ELP fellows will advance joint recommendations and solutions to support our host economy (Hawai‘i) and the economies of the participating region (People's Republic of China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Pacific Islands, and North America).

2023 Program Theme: *Strengthening Bridges: Regenerative Innovation for Smart Futures*

This year’s program will cover emerging economic challenges and issues around revitalizing our economies, the well-being of people, and societies through innovative technologies and human connections. The fellowship asks a fundamental question on how to engage innovations to regenerate economic cooperation while balancing the well-being of people and fostering deeper human connections.

ELP fellows will participate in seminars, workshops, and field experiences designed to foster an appreciation for Hawai‘i and the Northeast Asia and Pacific region. Fellows will also participate in the NEAEF Annual Forum—a two-day conference where senior leaders discuss timely and relevant research in topics directly related to ELP program themes.

An international and local faculty of leading academics, representatives of international organizations, government officials, parliamentarians, and executives from the private sector will mentor and guide ELP Fellows with their collaborative exercises.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ELP Fellowships are awarded to early career individuals and doctoral students from the People's Republic of China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Chinese Taipei, Pacific Island nations, United States, and Canada, who are able to demonstrate potential leadership capabilities and expertise in NEAEF topics and NEAEF geographic regions. Applicants must be affiliated with a business; academic or research institution; or a non-governmental, governmental, or international organization at the time of application, including recent post-doctoral researchers or post-graduate students. Citizens of Northeast Asian countries studying or working in the United States may also apply, as may United States citizens studying or working abroad.

Oral and written proficiency in English is required, as it is the working language of the ELP. Participants from the United States, Canada, and Pacific Island nations must have at least a basic proficiency level in one of the Northeast Asian languages.

Exceptional consideration may be given to applications from alumni participants in order to facilitate program sustainability and continuity.

THE AWARD

ELP Fellowships are competitive grants and cover shared accommodations, local transportation during program activities, field trip expenses, conference and training fees, official event meals, materials costs, and a stipend award that covers meals and other additional expenses. **The fellowship is awarded to accepted Fellows only.**

The award **does not cover** medical insurance, visa fees, covid-19 testing fees, transportation from/to the airport, or airfare to the ELP site.

ELP Fellows are responsible for obtaining the appropriate travel permissions as required, arranging air travel and transportation from/to airport, and providing evidence of adequate medical insurance coverage to NEAEF staff.

The ELP is designed to foster teamwork and collaboration in an intense, immersive environment. Accordingly, accommodations are shared, double occupancy, with accepted Fellows only. Accepted fellows are required to fully participate during the entire duration of the fellowship program and no alternative accommodations will be permitted.

NEAEF HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

NEAEF has established health regulations and procedures in the unfortunate event that a Fellow should fall ill, including with Covid-19, during the course of the ELP. In such an event, the Fellow will be required to abide by NEAEF's established health regulations.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must submit the following materials no later than **April 30, 2023**:

1. This online application
2. Attachments to be emailed to emergingleaders@neaf.org (please use subject line "[LAST NAME] 2023 ELP Application Attachments"):
 - a. A cover letter describing the applicant's specific motivations for applying, research interests, and benefits the applicant expects to receive from participation.
 - b. Curriculum vitae or resume.
 - c. Two letters of recommendation.
 - d. Publications or recent sample writing. [Optional]

Please use the following file naming conventions for your attachments:

1. Cover Letter: [LAST/GIVEN NAME] elpcover
2. Curriculum vitae or resume: [LAST/GIVEN NAME] elpcv
3. Letters of Recommendation: [LAST/GIVEN NAME] elpletter [LAST/GIVEN NAME OF RECOMMENDER]

All applications properly transmitted will receive a reply acknowledging receipt. If you do not receive this reply, the application may not have been transmitted properly. Should this occur, please send an email inquiry to emergingleaders@neaf.org with the subject line "2023 ELP: Application Inquiry".

NEAEF encourages diverse applicants and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, gender or gender-identity, sex, or ancestry.