

Subject: Nominate/Sponsor a 2010 iLEAP International Fellow!

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Dear Global Washington Members,

iLEAP: The Center for Critical Service would like to extend a special invitation to all Global Washington members to nominate and/or sponsor a Fellow on our 2010 International Fellowship program. iLEAP is extending this exclusive invitation in advance of our regular application period, which opens later in the fall. This is due to the unique way in which the iLEAP Fellowship promotes meaningful, long-term collaboration among Global Washington members.

Over the past few years, many of you have interfaced with our iLEAP Fellows from Asia, Africa and Latin America. They spend 3 months (April-June) in Seattle building their capacities around leadership, sustainability, and social enterprise. These remarkable people come to Seattle with years of experience as a community leader and have a demonstrated track record of success in creating social change in their fields of endeavor.

I am extending this invitation to you at this time because I know that many of YOU are currently working with remarkable community leaders based in these regions of the world who fit this profile and would be terrific candidates for success in the iLEAP Fellowship program. In fact, iLEAP seeks to bring over leaders who are in some way connected to Seattle-based global development as this only helps to amplify the impact of their time here.

The 3 month Fellowship curriculum is highly rigorous and involves regular, specialized classroom sessions (topics ranging from modes of leadership to sustainable agriculture), a placement with a local social enterprise, dozens of site visits to meet with innovative organizations and individuals, and numerous public speaking engagements. To a Fellow, feedback has been that the Fellowship is profoundly transformational and that the new skills and awareness they return with has meaningful impact on their community work at home.

Quick Points:

- **Dates:** mid-April until late June 2010 (3 months).
- **Cost:** \$8,000 (estimated all inclusive—airfare, housing, visa/immigration, etc.) costs per Fellow). Note: iLEAP will partner with you to co-fundraise and the actual dollar amount for the sponsoring organization sits around \$4,500-5,500 per person.
- **Admissions:** Very competitive, with special priority given to women. Applicants must have a minimum of 10 years of relevant experience.
- Fellows must have strong English communication skills.
- Graduates of our Fellowship program go on to become iLEAP International Faculty, where they are prepared to accept international visitors and volunteers to work and live in their communities through iLEAP's Taking the LEAP program.

For more information about iLEAP and the Fellowship program, please visit our website at www.ileap.org/programs/fellowship and our global weblog at www.ileap.org/blog.

Should you be interested in nominating and sponsoring one of your colleagues, please contact me *before the end of September* at britt@ileap.org

Sincerely,

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