

Yale University

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Council on European Studies  
announces its

FULBRIGHT-HAYS GROUP PROJECTS ABROAD PROGRAM  
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**“Understanding Medvedev’s Russia in Historical Context”**

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PIER/European Studies  
Council on European Studies  
The Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for  
International and Area Studies at Yale

New Haven, Connecticut

# Understanding Medvedev's Russia in Historical Context

Pending acceptance of a grant proposal from Yale University to the United States Department of Education, PIER/European Studies of the Council on European Studies at the MacMillan Center invites applications from teachers and educators for participation in a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad (GPA) program.

Applications are being accepted now for early selection of participants, but final confirmation will be made only pending funding of the project by the United States Department of Education

## THE PROJECT

The GPA program consists of three main phases:

### **Phase 1: Pre-departure Preparation and Orientation**

A residential pre-departure orientation conference at Yale University (July 2-4, 2009) to prepare participants for the proposed field study tour of Moscow and Vladimir, including discussion and refinement of participants' research strategy and curriculum development project plans.

### **Phase 2: Curriculum Development Project in Ghana**

A four-week comprehensive program of study, travel, research, acquisition of resource materials, and curriculum writing in Russia (July 5-August 3).

### **Phase 3: Follow-up Activities and Dissemination**

A series of follow-up workshops at Yale University planned for the fall and winter months (September 19 and November 4, 2009; January 16, March 6, and one Saturday in October 2010) to refine and complete curriculum modules. Over the next several years, PIER/European Studies will provide opportunities for GPA participants to present their curricular units at professional meetings and workshops at the local, regional, and national levels. Applicants are required to ask for and obtain assurances for release times in advance from their school systems.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the Yale University's 2009 Fulbright-Hays GPA program, *Understanding Medvedev's Russia in Historical Context*, is subject to the eligibility criteria established for all federally subsidized programs.

**Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents of the United States.** (See *Federal Register*/Vol. 71, No. 180/Monday, September 18, 2006/Notices)

Any high school teacher of social studies (including history, government, economics, sociology, psychology), world language, humanities, or area studies from any of the eight states in the Northeast – Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont – is eligible for this GPA.

Priority will be given to eligible applicants who have:

1. Participated in PIER professional development programs, especially the annual summer institutes; and
2. Attended PIER follow-up sessions and successfully completed a curriculum project.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Strength of application;
- Evidence of excellence in previous use of curricula about Russia in the classroom;
- Demonstrated potential for curricular innovation;
- Quality of written proposal for their curriculum development project in Russia;
- Willingness to become resource person in the local schools and communities, and to participate in local, statewide, and national workshops and professional meetings;
- Support from their school system/institution (in the form of release time);
- Commitment to participate in the dissemination of the teaching units developed;
- Proven characteristics of the adaptability, sensitivity, perseverance, and open-mindedness needed to live and study successfully in Russia; and
- Applicants who **have not** previously visited or lived in Russia for a substantial period. (This criterion will apply **only** when other qualifications are equal.)

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

Applications will be reviewed and participants selected by a GPA Participant Selection Committee & Advisory Board representing Yale University, the Connecticut State Department of Education, the Connecticut Council for the Social Studies, and former Yale GPA program participants.

The Selection Committee and Yale University are committed to providing equal access and treatment to eligible project participants who are members of historically under-represented groups and minorities, including women, handicapped persons, and members of racial and ethnic minorities. They are also committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals on their qualifications and abilities, and they affirmatively seek to attract persons of diverse backgrounds.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Each participant will pay a fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) toward the cost of the project. This fee will be due upon applicant's acceptance into the program and final notification of funding from the United States Department of Education (most likely mid-April, 2009).
2. Each participant must have a valid passport (valid till at least August 2010) and visa, must be able to document good health, and must provide proof of health and of traveler's insurance coverage.
3. Under **no circumstance** will a spouse, other relatives or friends of a GPA participant travel with or accompany the group on the field study tour in Russia.
4. The following expenses are **not covered** by the United States Department of Education or Yale University and **must be borne** by the participant:
  - The \$1,000 fee to be paid to Yale University;
  - Roundtrip transportation from participant's home institution to Yale University campus;
  - Passport and visa fees;
  - Inoculations and other health care expenses related to travel abroad;
  - Personal travel done on a participant's own time and initiative in Russia; and
  - All other related personal expenses.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

To receive full consideration, an eligible applicant must submit the original plus two (2) copies of the application packet, and three (3) official letters of reference, no later than March 20, 2009.

Applications hand-delivered or sent via courier service must be taken to:

GPA to Russia Application  
Council on European Studies  
The MacMillan Center  
34 Hillhouse Avenue, Suite 242  
New Haven, CT 06511

Applications delivered by mail must be addressed to:

GPA to Russia Application  
Council on European Studies  
The MacMillan Center  
Box 208206 Yale Station  
New Haven, CT 06520-8206

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by mid-April or when the United States Department of Education makes grant decisions known and *pending funding from the United States Department of Education*. At that time the \$1,000 fee will be due and successful applicants will be sent additional information about the program.

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