# 2014-2015 INTERACT POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR THE STUDY OF CENTRAL ASIA

The Harriman Institute and the Global Centers of Columbia University invite applications for a postdoctoral fellowship through the International Network to Expand Regional and Collaborative Teaching (INTERACT) program at Columbia University, which was launched in 2010. This fellowship is for the academic year 2014-15 and is open to scholars conducting research on Central Asia. The fellowship will cover a 10-month period beginning August 1, 2014, and comes with a stipend of \$45,000 plus benefits.

#### **About INTERACT**

INTERACT is a pioneering program at Columbia University that focuses on developing global studies in the undergraduate curriculum through a network of postdoctoral scholars focused on cross-regional, transregional, and interdisciplinary study. Several Columbia University INTERACT Postdoctoral Fellowships will be offered in the 2014-2015 academic year, with candidates selected by centers and institutes across the University. Candidates will function as liaisons between their home office and the INTERACT network of scholars with other regional and disciplinary specializations.

INTERACT's primary goal is to improve global literacy among Columbia students and equip them to be leaders in a globalizing world. These objectives will be met through innovative courses, participating in institute programs and events and an annual educator workshop organized collaboratively by INTERACT Fellows.

The Harriman Institute and Global Centers are pleased to offer one INTERACT Fellowship to an outstanding scholar of Central Asia with a demonstrated emphasis on global context and connections.

### Requirements

The Harriman Institute and Global Centers' INTERACT Fellows will devote half their time to teaching and working with other Fellows on INTERACT programming including an annual workshop/conference, and half time to his or her own research and writing. The Fellow's curricular responsibility would be to develop one course each semester (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015), preferably in coordination with Columbia's developing Global Core Curriculum (for more information see:

<u>http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/classes/mc.php</u>). Each Fellow is required to be in residence in the New York City area and participate in all activities of the INTERACT program collaborative.

## **Eligibility**

We encourage applications from all academic disciplines. At least some part of the applicant's research

should focus on Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, or Uzbekistan.

Fellowships are open to young scholars who have received (or will have received) the Ph.D. in a relevant discipline from July 31, 2011 to June 30, 2014 and do not hold a tenure-track position.

Recipients must complete all their Ph.D. requirements (completed and filed the dissertation) by June 30, 2014.

## **Application Process**

The following list of materials is required for all applicants:

- -Completed Application Form (posted online)
- -Curriculum Vitae
- -Course proposal: 1-2 page proposal for two undergraduate courses to be offered at Columbia University. These courses are to be offered without prerequisites, and must emphasize cross-border, trans-regional, and interdisciplinary approaches. These course proposals are meant to convey a sense of your teaching interests beyond the special field of your research.
- -Research proposal: 2-3 page statement describing the research project you would pursue at Columbia University if awarded a fellowship, indicating its relation (if any) to your doctoral dissertation, as well as its relation to the mission of HI and Global Centers.
- -A writing sample, such as an article or dissertation chapter.
- -Letters of recommendation: 2 letters of reference that include an evaluation of your research and teaching proposals.
- -Previous Education: Indicate on your curriculum vitae each college and university you have attended, with the inclusive dates.

All application materials (including letters of reference) must be received by the Institute on or before **January 15, 2014**. Candidates may be invited for a phone interview. All evaluations made in connection with applications received are confidential.

Awards will be announced no later than March 2014.

Please send completed application materials by email in a single PDF file to Barbara Singleton to <u>bs18@columbia.edu</u> by January 15, 2014. Letters of recommendation should be sent separately by the referees to Ms. Singleton by that deadline. For questions, please contact Barbara Singleton at 212-854-6219.

For more information, please see <a href="http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/">www.harriman.columbia.edu/</a> and <a href="http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/">http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/</a>.