



Call for Nominations

UNITED BOARD FELLOWS PROGRAM

2012 – 2014

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia invites partner institutions in Asia to nominate qualified candidates who have distinguished themselves in terms of leadership, academics and teaching, and who are likely to be promoted to positions of leadership in the institution.

The United Board Fellows Program prepares mid-career faculty and administrators for future leadership in their home universities and colleges. The goals of the program are to build strong institutions with many levels of competent leadership and a pool of talent to lead Asian higher education in the future, and to strengthen networks among participants and institutions.

The Fellows Program is open to candidates from any area of the university. We particularly welcome candidates in the humanities and social sciences, as well as candidates who work in these areas:

- Environment and health (natural sciences and social sciences)
- Inter-religious understanding, peace studies, conflict transformation and reconciliation
- Local knowledge (i.e., integration of local knowledge into undergraduate curriculum)
- Service-learning

Regardless of academic field, all candidates will be evaluated on the basis of leadership potential.

Program activities: The Fellows Program provides opportunities for participants to be exposed to leadership concepts and practices in university settings in Asia and in the U.S. or Australia. Over the course of two years, each United Board Fellow spends a four-month placement at a host institution in Asia and a four-month placement at a host institution in the U.S. or Australia. During each placement, the fellow is able to both observe and participate in the life of the host institution, including its administrative and academic sides, and meet regularly with a mentor who assists the fellow in designing a program of leadership development. A coordinator at the host institution provides logistical support. Fellows also participate in two five-day

leadership seminars at universities in Asia to network and share their learning with other fellows.

Program outcomes: Since 2002, 130 United Board Fellows from 38 institutions have participated in the Fellows Program. Program outcomes have been highly positive. Fellows return to their home institutions with new perspectives and ideas, initiate new programs, and often assume new responsibilities and positions. Host institutions benefit by having an international faculty member in residence. The Fellows Program also provides a platform for building networks among the fellows and among institutions.

Nomination and application process: Nominations must be made by the institution's top administration. An institution may nominate up to three candidates. Nominations should indicate specific leadership positions the candidates will take (e.g. academic dean, dean of students). Nominees should be proficient in oral and written English and should be at least twelve years from retirement. Priority will be given to institutions that have serious plans and excellent potential for faculty and leadership development, and to candidates who are likely to assume positions of leadership in their institutions.

Candidates for the Fellows Program must be able to participate in two placements of four months each between September 2012 and June 2014, and to attend two five-day seminars in July 2013 and 2014.

The deadline for nominations and applications is July 31, 2011. Qualified nominees will be interviewed by United Board staff and selected on a competitive basis.

Please complete the online nomination and application forms at the following links. United Board staff will have access to the online forms; the completed forms do not need to be emailed to the United Board.

United Board Fellows Program nomination form: <http://bit.ly/kyMErT>
(The nomination form should be completed by the head of the institution.)

United Board Fellows Program application form: <http://bit.ly/jc6lmM>
(The application form should be completed by each nominee. Please forward this memo to those whom your institution will nominate.)

For questions about the online nomination or application forms, please contact Amy Weber at aweber@unitedboard.org.

For more information about the Fellows Program or the nomination and application process, visit www.unitedboard.org or contact Anne Ofstedal, Director of Fellowship and Scholarship Programs at aofstedal@unitedboard.org