

THE “ALTERNATIVE NOBEL PRIZE” FELLOWSHIPS 2009

*“Work with us to make a better world by researching projects of hope, walking the talk,
supporting solutions and realising the impossible!”*

The Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and the Right Livelihood College (RLC) are pleased to announce the launch of the “Alternative Nobel Prize” Fellowships for 2009.

About The Fellowships

The Fellowships are intended for outstanding students and researchers to undertake at the Universiti Sains Malaysia in Penang, Malaysia, Master’s or Doctoral programmes which link with and further the work of Laureates who have received the Right Livelihood Award, popularly known as “The Alternative Nobel Prize”. **The applicant must come from a country in which there is a Laureate, so that research can be facilitated.**

Objectives

The study undertaken should specifically contribute toward realizing the vision and mission of the Right Livelihood Award and, in particular :-

- make the laureates and their work more accessible to all with the potential to make their “winning ideas” succeed and multiply,
- add to the greater understanding of the “burning” issues that are being addressed by the laureates so that they can move their goals forward.

Methodology

AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IS THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE LAUREATES SHALL BE THE SUBJECT / PARTNER OF THE STUDY AND AGREES TO BE AN ADVISOR. INFORMATION ON LAUREATES IS OBTAINABLE AT WWW.RIGHTLIVELIHOOD.ORG

The Fellowship holder should also generate knowledge for action that:-

- Contributes to global ecological balance and to lasting peace and justice in the world;
- Promotes the solution oriented public understanding of the issues addressed by the Laureates and help to multiply proven successful practices within the field, particularly of environment, human rights and human development, human security and peace;
- Offers workable solutions to the most urgent challenges of our time.

Financial Support

The Fellowship support can be at three levels for the duration of the study :-

- Academic fees and living allowance only
- Travel and research grant for fieldwork
- Both the above

Candidates are also encouraged to seek counterpart funding.

How to Apply

As a first step, applicants are asked to send:-

- a **curriculum vitae** of not more than 2 A4 pages
- a **personal statement** of not more than 2000 words about their planned area of research, the particular laureate(s) they would like focus on and how it will assist in achieving the objectives of the Fellowships.

Where to Send

Please send the application to:-

college@rightlivelihood.org with a copy to
anwarfazal@usm.my

Addressed to

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Closing Date

**All applications must be received no later than
31st July 2009.**

*The **Right Livelihood College (RLC)** is a global initiative of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation (RLAF), Stockholm and the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) to harness the wisdom and experience of the Laureates of the Right Livelihood Award popularly known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize”. The Right Livelihood Award is widely recognised as the world’s premier award for personal courage and social transformation. It honours and supports people who offer workable solutions to the most urgent challenges of our time. (see www.rightlivelihood.org).*

*Founded in 1969 in Penang, Malaysia, **Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)** offers 800 courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels to approximately 20,000 students. The university has currently 24 schools conducting academic programmes and more than 20 centres of excellence specialising in research activities. In 2008, USM was chosen as Malaysia’s APEX University - Accelerated Programme for Excellence. As the chosen Apex University, USM will be accelerated for excellence and nurtured for world class standing amongst the world’s universities. USM also has its commitment to “Transforming Higher Education for a Sustainable Tomorrow”. (see www.usm.my).*

