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Dear academic community colleagues,

It is our sincere pleasure to announce the call for applications for the 2012-2013 William C. Foster Fellows Visiting Scholars Program at the U.S. Department of State. This unique program places tenured and tenure track faculty in a one-year, fully-funded fellowship position in the Arms Control, Verification and Compliance Bureau, the International Security and Nonproliferation Bureau, or the Political-Military Affairs Bureau.

Since 1983, over 60 specialists in the physical sciences and related disciplines have participated in the arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament activities of the Department of State as Foster Fellows. The Foster Fellows Program is designed to bring fresh ideas from academia into government while providing Fellows with an opportunity to experience and contribute to the policymaking process firsthand. Fellows will work closely with their offices' leadership on a variety of assignments, including a special project to be proposed and initiated by the Fellow. The program will also include training sessions at the Foreign Service Institute and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, luncheons and networking events with other science fellowship programs, and opportunities to meet and speak with leaders in our three Bureaus and throughout the Department and the federal government.

For the 2012-2013 Foster Fellows class we are seeking candidates with expertise in nuclear or physical science (including nuclear engineering, nuclear physics, or nuclear forensics), mathematics, and nuclear arms control and nuclear weapons doctrine. In addition, candidates should have experience or interest in political science, history, foreign policy, or regional studies. Candidate position descriptions for the program can be found at www.state.gov/fosterfellows/.

We sincerely hope you will consider applying for this Program, or encourage your colleagues to do so. Applications are due by midnight on Monday, January 30, 2012. More information on the Program and the application process can be found on our website, at www.state.gov/fosterfellows.

Sincerely,



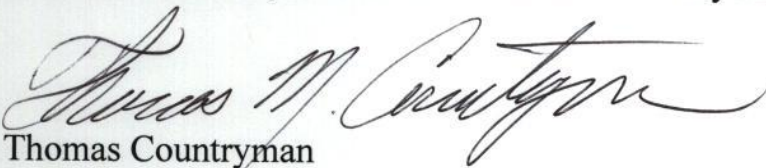
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