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RYDELL-FRISA DISARMAMENT EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

The Institute of Current World Affairs is accepting letters of interest for a two-year independent writing fellowship focusing on global nuclear disarmament education. Letters are due by April 30, 2026. Selected candidates will be invited to submit full applications by May 31, 2026.

The Rydell-Frisa Disarmament Education Fellowship is open to outstanding professionals under age 36 with a strong interest in disarmament. The fellow will conduct in-depth research in one or more countries, with professional mentoring designed to support emerging voices in this critical field.

About the institute

ICWA advances understanding of international cultures and affairs by sending fellows abroad to study countries, regions and globally important issues. The institute gives them the time and resources to explore the world through self-designed programs of research, travel and writing. They produce monthly dispatches and go on to make vital contributions to their fields.

About the fellowship

Nuclear disarmament remains one of the most critical priorities of our day, with incalculable stakes. Disarmament education aims to promote deeper global understanding and support across all levels of society.

The fellow will undertake independent research examining the most promising initiatives, and visit key institutions that have been most active in the field, in particular the United Nations and its affiliated agencies.

The fellow will examine the impact of nuclear disarmament education, broader challenges facing disarmament and how they are shaped by culture and society. Ultimately, the fellow would be expected to make recommendations for strengthening disarmament education.

Applicants are encouraged to propose the countries or regions in which to conduct their research. Strong candidates should present clear and compelling rationales for their plans. Please visit our website to learn more about the kinds of projects the institute has supported.

About you

We're looking for candidates who show exceptional promise, curiosity and enthusiasm for building or continuing a career in disarmament, whether in international diplomacy, civil society, journalism or other fields.

For more information and to apply, please visit icwa.org/apply.