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## APEC SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

### WHAT IS IT?

- The United States, with eight other APEC economies, has launched the APEC Scholarship Initiative to promote the creation of privately and publicly funded **APEC-branded scholarship, training, and internship opportunities** to benefit students and professionals, especially youth and women from developing APEC economies.
- Scholarships will support APEC Leaders' target of one million intra-APEC university-level students per year by 2020. They will enable balanced and inclusive growth within and across the region, expand people-to-people exchanges, forge stronger regional ties, and enhance APEC's reputation.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- 1. Create a new APEC-branded scholarship:** Fund university or graduate-level academic study for students within the APEC region to pursue cross-border education. Sponsors (whether governments, private companies, or schools) should provide scholarship details, e.g., level of study, type and amount of funds provided, eligibility requirements, selection criteria and application information, on their own website that candidates can access (see template). Sponsors should include the words "APEC" and "Scholarship" in the title of the scholarship.
- 2. Create a new APEC-branded internship/training program:** Fund participation in an internship or training program for students or professionals within the APEC region to pursue cross-border training. This could be a corporate internship, or government or privately-funded training program. Sponsors should provide details, e.g., specific company or school, location, field of training, eligibility and selection criteria, and application information, on their own website (see template). The title of should include the words "APEC" and "Internship/Training."
- 3. Re-brand existing scholarships, internships, or training programs:** Convert existing scholarships and internships into "APEC" programs that target students and professionals from APEC economies.

### WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN?

- Participating economies are currently seeking sponsors for new APEC scholarship and internship/training programs. The initiative was formally endorsed on May 18, 2014 at the meeting of APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade in Qingdao, China. It is now co-sponsored by Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Russia, and Chinese Taipei.
- Sponsors should notify their intent to establish new scholarships or internships before the APEC Business Advisory Council meeting in Seattle in July. Information on new or re-branded scholarships/internships will be compiled and listed online at <http://education.apec.edu> by the 3rd Senior Officials Meeting in August 2014.
- The project will be officially launched by Leaders of the 21 member economies at the APEC Economic Leaders Meeting in November in Beijing.

### NOTE TO SPONSORS:

- The APEC Scholarship Initiative will be **announced in November 2014** in a press statement by the APEC Secretariat and will be included in a **White House fact sheet** outlining new APEC deliverables.
- The State Department or the White House will refer to the initiative in **public remarks** during the APEC Leaders Week in November. With strong support from U.S. sponsors, the State Department would like to promote the program by organizing a **separate event** that will involve sponsor participation.

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## **APEC SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What do APEC Scholarship or Internship sponsors need to do?**

Sponsors are expected to agree to: (a) fund a student from one APEC economy to study at a university or graduate-school in another APEC economy; or (b) fund an internship/training opportunity for a student or professional from one APEC economy to train in another APEC economy. Create a website providing details of the program.

### **Who can create an APEC Scholarship or Internship?**

Sponsors should be from an APEC member economy and could include governments, private sector companies, universities, foundations, and other non-government organizations and institutions.

### **How much would it cost to fund a scholarship or internship?**

Each sponsor will determine the amount and duration of funding it wants to provide. A scholarship can provide partial or full funding of tuition or other costs related to travel and living expenses. Sponsors may also provide a stipend in the case of a corporate internship. Sponsors are encouraged to provide sufficient funding to allow applicants with financial needs from developing economies to travel to and study/train in another APEC economy.

### **What levels and fields of study are eligible for APEC Scholarships?**

Each sponsor will determine the academic level or field of study or area of training for which they would like to offer a scholarship or internship. They could also decide to accept applicants at various levels or in various fields.

### **Are there eligibility requirements or selection criteria for applicants?**

Each sponsor may establish its own eligibility requirements and selection criteria for applicants, as appropriate. These could include language ability, academic qualifications, selected APEC economies, and so on. We encourage sponsors to prioritize scholarships/internships for women and applicants from developing APEC economies.

### **Can previously existing programs be considered APEC Scholarships?**

Yes. Sponsors may convert and re-brand existing programs into "APEC Scholarships/Internships" as long as they are designed to enable applicants from an APEC member economy to study or train in another APEC economy.

### **What are the continuing responsibilities of a sponsor?**

Sponsors will manage every aspect of their scholarships/internships from start to finish. To begin, sponsors will create an APEC-branded scholarship and a webpage that displays the details of the program and application instructions. They will be responsible for handling all applications and sustaining their programs in the years ahead.

### **What is the role of APEC?**

APEC Leaders are expected to endorse this initiative in Beijing in November 2014, and the APEC Secretariat will post the list of all scholarships and internships in a directory on the APEC website at <http://education.apec.edu>. APEC SOMs will designate officials to work with current and new sponsors to continue to publicize and sustain this ongoing initiative.



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**APEC SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE: NEW SCHOLARSHIP/INTERNSHIP INFORMATION FORM:**

1. Name of scholarship/internship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include "APEC" and the word "scholarship" or "internship" in the title)

2. URL with scholarship details: http://\_\_\_\_\_   
(Webpage hosted by your institution that includes scholarship details)

3. Name of sponsoring institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Government, company, university, or other institution funding the program)

4. Sponsor point of contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sponsorship opportunity:

<p><u>Academic Study</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Graduate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate</p>	<p><u>Internship/Training</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Training</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>
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6. Field of study/training: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) (E.g., engineering, business, science and technology, etc.)

7. Amount of funding: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Funding components:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Lodging
<input type="checkbox"/> Stipend	<input type="checkbox"/> Salary	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

9. Eligibility requirements: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., language, academic qualification, all or selected APEC economy, etc.)

10. Selection criteria: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., field of study or work, selected APEC economies, women, etc.)

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