



## Join in shaping the Arctic of the future! Arctic Frontiers' Emerging Leaders 2016

The U.S. Embassy in Oslo, together with the Arctic Frontiers Secretariat, is excited to announce a unique opportunity for young U.S. citizens with a professional interest in the Arctic to learn more about the region. The annual Arctic Frontiers conference brings academia, government and business together to create a firmer foundation for decision-making and sustainable economic development in the Arctic. The conference takes place in the Norwegian city of Tromsø, known as the Gateway to the Arctic.

[Arctic Frontiers' Emerging Leaders](#) program invites young representatives of academia, business and the public sector to meet with leaders to discuss future development in the High North. Selected candidates will participate in a blend of technical, social and cultural events, accompanied by mentors. The program starts in the city of Bodø, then continues onboard the coastal express boat *Hurtigruten* and ends in Tromsø. The participants will be challenged to engage in discussions and presentations during the program. The content of the program is linked to the Arctic Frontiers 2016 conference topic "Industry and Environment."

The Arctic Frontiers Secretariat has agreed to reserve up to two slots in Emerging Leaders for U.S. citizens who are doctoral students, post-docs, or young professionals with a long-term interest in, and professional aspirations related to, the Arctic. The U.S. Embassy will select the participants and offer stipends of up to \$4,000 to cover participation/travel. In return we ask that you participate enthusiastically, learn from the experience, and apply your experience to future work focused on the Arctic. Any way to maximize the exposure of your experience will be encouraged.

### **Applicants must:**

- Be a current doctoral student, post-doc, or young professional working related to the Arctic,
- Be an American citizen born in 1981 or later, and possess (or obtain) a valid American passport,
- Have excellent academic performance and demonstrated potential for future work on the Arctic,
- Be available to travel to Norway from January 20-26, 2016.

### **Applications must be submitted to [osloirc@state.gov](mailto:osloirc@state.gov) by Thursday, November 5, 2015 as follows:**

1. The below application form
2. A personal essay of up to 400 words about why you are the right person for this opportunity. Feel free to address how you will amplify your experience, and what other sources of funding you may identify to share the costs.
3. An unofficial transcript from your current, or most recent, academic program
4. A professional resume (no longer than two pages)
5. A recommendation from one academic or professional reference, such as a supervisor, professor, advisor, or chair of your department or program. The reference should be able to address your interest and work related to the Arctic. (*Note: The reference may come in another format, but must include all the same information, including a signature.*)

Please be sure to identify each document with your name, i.e., "Lastname application".

# Arctic Frontiers' Emerging Leaders 2016 Award Competition

## Section 1: Personal Information

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Surname

Given Names

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Degree Program, Year of (Expected) Graduation

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Position, Place of Work (if applicable)

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Local Address: Unit #, Street, City, State, Zip Code

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Telephone

Email

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Date

Signature

## Section 2: Applicant's Declaration

I freely provide this application, including my academic record and additional relevant information, in order to adjudicate my candidacy for this award. If requested, I agree to provide the selection committee with any documentation necessary to verify the information on this application and/or award eligibility. I declare that the information I have provided is true and accurate. If any information is inaccurate, I understand that an award may be reassessed and/or withdrawn.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

**Please have one academic or professional reference complete the Reference Form below and submit it directly to [osloirc@state.gov](mailto:osloirc@state.gov) by Thursday, November 5, 2015**

Name and email address of reference:

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