

# INTERNATIONAL ELECTORAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

*“Fostering partnerships between the academic and practitioner communities”*

## ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### What is the International Electoral Education Council?

The International Electoral Education Council (Council) is an informal network of academics and electoral practitioners who study and support the development of free and fair electoral processes. The mission of the Council is twofold: 1) to offer learning resources for students interested in electoral policies, practices, and processes; and 2) to offer academic consultation and assistance to Election Management Bodies (EMBs) on policy and practice challenges. The Council engages in a wide range of program activities, from research and experiential learning for students; to technical assistance and electoral studies for EMBs.

The secretariat for the Council is located at Creative Associates International, Inc. (Creative). Creative is a women-owned minority firm that has been involved in educational assistance programming for over 30 years.

### International Electoral Fellowship Program

As a learning resource for students, the Council conducts Electoral Fellowships at national EMB offices. The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide students with first-hand learning experiences in the policies and practices that govern free and fair elections.

The Fellowships are typically conducted over a five day period, at the discretion of the EMB. The Council engages a university partner to serve as the academic supervisor for the program. The students involved in the program are selected through the university networks and contacts.

Through a combination of readings, academic guidance, and “hands-on” learning, the Fellowships are intended to provide the students with a comprehensive introduction to election administration according to international norms and standards. Each student will be required to write a *Comparative Electoral Study Paper* providing a comparative discussion of the electoral systems in their countries and those of the host country. Thematically, the Fellowship Studies will address six policy elements: 1) EMBs; 2) electoral systems; 3) political party systems; 4) media and public education; 5) electoral operations; and 6) electoral dispute resolution.

Fellowships generally involve two students and a professor from the partner university. Scholarships from the Council will cover the transportation, lodging, meals and incidental expenses for the students and professor during the Fellowship.

### How EMBs can Participate in the Fellowship Program

National or sub-national EMBs can participate in the Fellowship Program by agreeing to host two students. By hosting, there is no direct expense for the EMB associated with the Fellowship. The Council would only request that your EMB staff be made available for mentoring sessions and that meetings with other electoral stakeholders are organized. The Fellowship team will provide all of its own support services.

With questions or expressions of interest, please contact the Fellowship Program Coordinator, Jeff Fischer – [JeffreyF@IEECouncil.org](mailto:JeffreyF@IEECouncil.org).