


## Program Announcement

Program Goal	The Robin Copeland Memorial Fellowship (RCMF) supports early-to-mid-career women in the nuclear security field through a three-phased exchange program on the theme of nuclear security and women's leadership
Who Should Apply	Women with technical nuclear backgrounds from the Indo-Pacific region, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emerging women leaders with a background in the WMD-applicable expertise and experience</li> <li>Early-to-mid-career women in the nuclear field</li> <li>Currently employed women with two or more years of relevant, nuclear - focused professional work experience</li> </ul>
Expertise Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-directed and able to work effectively in a cross-cultural setting</li> <li>Interest in developing an individual project of the applicant's selection in their home workplace or community</li> </ul>
Language Requirements	English Language proficiency, in verbal and written communication
Where to Apply	Submit a completed application package to <a href="mailto:CopelandFellowship@crdfglobal.org">CopelandFellowship@crdfglobal.org</a> and cc <a href="mailto:breyholds@crdfglobal.org">breyholds@crdfglobal.org</a>
Application Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application form</li> <li>Color copy of current passport</li> <li>Curriculum vitae (CV)</li> <li>Letter of support from current supervisor or professor</li> </ul>
Application Deadline	 April 19, 2024, at 11:59 PM EST
Announcement	Decision will be announced via email by 17 May 2024
Period of Performance	June – September 2024

The U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF Global) will conduct a two-and-a-half-month **Robin Copeland Memorial Fellowship** (RCMF) on the theme of nuclear security and women leadership in the workplace for professionals from the Indo-Pacific region. The RCMF will be implemented in three phases as follows:

- **Phase I:** Participants will participate in a two-week virtual onboarding, followed by one week of preparation and travel time.
- **Phase II:** A one-month fellowship engaging fellows with partner institutions, working on the fellow capstone project, and building relationships between the fellow and the cohort.
- **Phase III:** Two weeks of virtual experiences designed to supplement the fellow's in-person experience, finish and present their capstone projects, and collect feedback.

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## **Application Package**

As mentioned in the Application Checklist above, in addition to the completed application form, scanned copy of current passport, and current CV, applicants are required to submit an official letter of support, on official letterhead, signed and dated by their supervisor confirming their approval of the applicant's participation in the program (if applicable).

### **The letter of support should state:**

- the applicant's full name (as appears on the applicant's passport),
- the applicant's position title and institution name,
- the applicant's intended fellowship focus area,
- and the applicant's supervisor's consent to fellowship duration.

Moreover, individuals seeking acceptance into the program must:

- Submit a completed application with all required supporting documents
- Demonstrate adequate proficiency in English (speaking, writing, and reading) to communicate with peers in the host institutions

The RCMF looks forward to receiving application submissions. Please circulate this announcement within your professional networks. For email inquiries, or to submit your application, contact: [CopelandFellowship@crdfglobal.org](mailto:CopelandFellowship@crdfglobal.org) and cc [breyolds@crdfglobal.org](mailto:breyolds@crdfglobal.org)

Please visit <https://www.crdglobal.org/funding-opportunities/> for additional application resources.

## **Expectations:**

Fellows will be required to provide regular reports and updates during their fellowships and a final report upon program completion. Fellows should also be prepared to discuss their experiences and accomplishments with other fellows and to report back to program funders and relevant institutions on how they will apply or have started to apply their new skills after they return to their home countries.

## **Travel**

The RCMF will make all necessary travel arrangements and accommodations (travel, lodging, medical insurance, and living stipends) for all selected fellows for the duration of the fellowship.

## **Timeline**

- 4 March 2024: Call for applications opens
- 19 April 2024: Call for applications closes
- 3 May 2024: Preliminary fellow selection announcement
- 17 May 2024: Final fellowship approvals

Fellowships will not begin before June 2024.