

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program
**Muskie Mentor/Advisor Exchange
(MAX)**



DEADLINE: February 29, 2012

The Muskie Mentor/Advisor Exchange (MAX) program supports continued professional relationships between Muskie alumni and their American host advisors, supervisors, professors, and mentors.

The Muskie MAX program will support a Muskie alumnus/a, working in collaboration with a host mentor or advisor, to create and implement a professional education workshop in the alumnus/a's home country. Mentors/advisors would travel to Eurasia to conduct or co-conduct workshops focusing on continuing professional education with and for the Muskie alumnus/na and their non-alumni peers and colleagues.

The alumnus/a will identify in-kind support required to hold the workshops, which may include venue rental, food, printing costs, etc. IREX will cover the travel and lodging cost of the visiting mentor while providing a stipend to cover their in-country expenses.

Who is Eligible for Muskie MAX?

American mentors/advisors eligible for this grant include: academic advisors, internship host supervisors and any other professional contact that worked directly with the Muskie fellow in a way that was related to his/her field of study. Mentors/Advisors MUST be US citizens.

How do I apply for a Muskie MAX grant award?

The Muskie alumnus/a will complete a brief online application describing the intent of the workshop, the workshop participants, and the profile of the American mentor/advisor who would participate. The application can be found at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9N55HH5>

What is the Timeline?

February 29, 2012 – Deadline for Applications

April – August 2012 – Workshops held in Eurasia

Examples of Potential Projects:

- An economics alumnus/na working for the Ministry of Finance invites a professor to conduct a seminar for his colleagues at the Ministry of Finance and opens the seminar to the other interested participants. Ministry of Finance cost-shares the event by providing training space and food.
- An alumnus/na in the field of Public Health organizes a conference for hospital administrators and local elected officials on improved management methods and ways to teach the local community about disease prevention. The academic advisor presents on the differences between health care in the two countries and different methods to be more cost effective with health care management. Local government funds event (conference room, meals).
- Law alumnus/na focusing on environmental law issues presents on legal issues relating to how waste disposal and renewable energy are affected by neighboring countries. An internship advisor provides information about not only this issue but also on international trade laws and how these two topics are related. Funds for this event are raised through the government and local businesses that wish to sell their products in other countries.
- Alumnus/a in education who works for an NGO advocating for improved access to schools for disabled students prepares a workshops for teachers and education officials. NGO provides conference space. The alumnus/a's internship supervisor conducts a training on access and accommodation issues for disabled students