Trilateral Commission Invites Applications for New American Members

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For the first time since its founding in 1973, the Trilateral Commission is today issuing a public call for applicants for membership in its American group. The Commission is a global membership organization that brings together senior policymakers, business leaders, and representatives of media and academe across North America, Europe and Asia for discussion of the world’s most consequential issues. It draws members from countries sharing common values and a commitment to the rule of law, open economies and societies, and democratic principles.

Traditionally, the Trilateral Commission has only solicited nominations for membership from existing members. As part of the Commission’s recent efforts to refocus its critical mission and rejuvenate its extraordinary activities, it is now issuing a public call for applications to its United States group. The American group, which comprises roughly 90 leading individuals, meets annually with its counterparts in North American regional and global formats. The full list of Commission members is available here: http://trilateral.org/page/7/membership.

“We are excited to further strengthen and diversify the Commission’s ranks,” said North American Chair Meghan O’Sullivan. “Our members include people with remarkable experience in the public and private sectors, extraordinary intellectual acumen, and energy and passion for the world. While we welcome those who have reached the pinnacle of their careers, we are also intensely interested in people who still have another chapter - or more – to come.”

Prospective members in the American group must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents intending to participate fully in the Commission’s work, including its two annual meetings. Applicants should send a biography or curriculum vitae to membership@trilateral.org. They are also required to obtain one nominating letter from a Trilateral Commission member from North America, Europe, or Asia and at least one additional letter from a member or non-member. Recommenders should send their letters to membership@trilateral.org. Full eligibility criteria and application details are available here: http://trilateral.org/page/7/membership. The deadline for applications is September 8, 2020.

The American group has simultaneously opened applications for its David Rockefeller Fellows (DRF) program. The Commission seeks applicants 35 years old or younger who show keen interest in national and global issues and strong potential for future leadership. DRFs join the Commission’s annual meetings and have other opportunities to engage with its membership. Full eligibility criteria and applications for the DRF program are available here: http://trilateral.org/page/21/david-rockefeller-fellows. The deadline for applications is September 8, 2020.