North American David Rockefeller Fellows

The Trilateral Commission, founded by David Rockefeller in 1973, each year selects a group of David Rockefeller Fellows (DRFs). 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 are invited to participate as full members do. The Commission covers the costs of attendance to these meetings of the DRFs. The fellows will also have other opportunities to engage with both the Commission membership and DRFs in other regions.

Eligibility Requirements

Prospective DRFs in the American group must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and 35 years of age or younger on the application deadline. Applicants are required to obtain one nominating letter from a current Trilateral Commission member and should intend to participate fully in the Commission’s work, including its two annual meetings.

To Apply

The process for becoming a David Rockefeller Fellow involves nomination by a Commission member, conditional approval by the selection committee, and final approval by the Trustees and Executive Committee. DRFs serve for three-year terms.

Candidates or their nominees should submit their applications to cfavart@trilateral.org with the following elements:

- A letter of intent, of no more than 500 words, specifying why the applicant wishes to become a DRF
- A CV or biography

In addition, candidates must obtain the following elements:

- A nomination letter by a current member of the Commission. The list of existing members is available here.
- One or more additional letters, which may come either from members or non-members

All letters should be emailed, by the recommenders’ offices, to cfavart@trilateral.org.

Deadline

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2022. All applications will be considered after that date and applicants will be subsequently notified of DRF decisions.
About the Trilateral Commission

The Trilateral Commission is a non-governmental, policy-oriented forum that brings together leaders in their individual capacity from the worlds of business, government, academia, press and media, as well as civil society. The Commission offers a global platform for open dialogue, reaching out to those with different views and engaging with decision makers from around the world with the aim of finding solutions to the great geopolitical, economic and social challenges of our time. Its members share a firm belief in the values of rule of law, democratic government, human rights, freedom of speech and free enterprise that underpin human progress. Members are also committed to supporting a rules-based international system, closer cooperation across borders and respect for the diversity of approaches to policy issues.