

Participation in the Summer School 2007

Participants are expected to come from different regions of the world, with different political and academic backgrounds, and various work experiences, including from NGOs, universities, or public institutions. Interested participants, women and men, will be selected according to geographic regions, their capacity to act as a multiplier of knowledge in their respective country and region, and some prior knowledge of or at a minimum proved interest in macroeconomic policy issues (specifically trade and financial global issues) and/or sector policies as they relate to the IFIs (e.g. privatization policies, water, energy, infrastructure, health and education policies, and gender dimensions of these policies).

Participants will be expected to each pay a course fee of US\$ 150 to offset some of the costs for the organization of the Summer School. The Summer School and its teaching sessions and side visits, the materials for the Summer School, accommodation (in double-bed rooms), as well as food, local transportation and a basic health insurance valid for the stay in the United States will be covered by HBF. Participants are generally expected to pay for their own travel to the United States. However, some fellowships to cover travel expenses and visa fees are available on special requests.

Conference language will be **English only**. All teaching materials and preparatory documents will likewise be in English only. No translation will be provided.

Applicants - Some Selection Criteria to Be Used

Conceptually, the program will reach out to and hopes to appeal to two different groups of applicants, each fulfilling the following criteria laid out further below:

- Group A: Needing capacity-building in incorporating gender-awareness in work on development/poverty reduction as related to macroeconomic policy issues
- Group B: Needing capacity-building on the importance of macroeconomics (trade and finance) and international financial institutions for gender and feminist advocacy on development/poverty reduction

CRITERIA

1. some experience in development and poverty reduction issues, either on a grassroot level (project work with affected groups), or through involvement in policy work (advocacy), or teaching or academic work (research, education);
2. some background, at least interest in economics/ political economy with an intellectual openness to macroeconomic policy issues (globalization, trade, investment, finance);
3. openness to the concepts of gender equity and gender democracy and cognizant of the need for gender-awareness and gender-sensitivity in public policy and advocacy work, even if not necessarily incorporated or given priority in prior own work.
4. selected participants should have the capacity and interest to act as a multiplier of acquired knowledge and to pass on information in his/her respective work context, thus helping to shape and/or inform a future debate on gender and macroeconomics, particularly in his/her country or region.