



Bill Maynes Fund for Future Leaders of Eurasia

An innovative new instrument to honor emerging leaders of the Eurasia region

The Bill Maynes Fund for Future Leaders of Eurasia is being launched by Eurasia Foundation (EF) in honor of EF's former President, Charles William Maynes, who died on June 2, 2007. The Foundation seeks to honor Bill by creating a new instrument that will recognize, honor and support outstanding individuals from the countries where EF operates who share Bill's vision for stable, inclusive and prosperous societies. In effect, the Fund is intended to be a living memorial that recognizes Bill's work over the last nine years as a trustee and then as president of the Foundation.

Since 1992, EF has supported small business development, strengthened independent media and bolstered civil society in the successor states of the former Soviet Union. In pursuit of these objectives EF has devoted special attention to capacity and coalition building by partnering with local businesses, governments and civic organizations. The Foundation operates through a network of partners conducting activities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Because EF's donors include governments, foundations and corporations from the U.S., Europe and the former Soviet Union, it also addresses relations between and among these three important regions.

Goal

The Fund will honor the achievements and further strengthen the abilities of emerging leaders in the Eurasia region.

Objectives

- To maintain Bill Maynes' legacy as a promoter of intelligent engagement between the U.S., Europe and Eurasia;
- To honor young leaders promoting lasting social change in Eurasia;

- To build skills and capacity of participating individuals;
- To educate U.S. and/or European audiences about the significance of developments in the Eurasia region;
- To forge informal bonds among participating institutions and individuals.



The Fund will take steps to create a network of its talented alumni and grantees for building synergies among them and the EF network. Then, on an annual basis, it will recognize a select number of Bill Maynes fellows—individuals who have made significant contributions to efforts in their countries to build a middle class, strengthen independent media, promote open and responsive governance and empower community groups. EF will design a special program for each fellow which gives him/her a platform in Europe or the U.S. for presenting his/her ideas and vision for the future in their given fields. The program will also introduce fellows to best practices and leading institutions related to their areas of interest. Fellowships will include speaking engagements as appropriate, as well as meetings with

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concerned policymakers. In addition, each fellow may receive a small award to continue building upon their previous experience.

Fellowship Activities – Two Illustrative Examples

A fellow who is recognized for his work in fostering independent print media in Ukraine might be invited to speak at a major U.S. School of Journalism. The fellow might then be introduced to the management and editorial leaders of a leading regional U.S. newspaper where he would work alongside management for a week to ten days. Ongoing relationships with the host organizations would be encouraged.

Similarly, a fellow who has worked with her local government to bring the business and NGO communities into public planning discussions would be invited to speak to an organization such as the U.S. Mayors' Conference. She would visit and be trained by a leading school of public administration, or would work for 1–2 weeks in a regional commission that involves local government, business, academia and other groups in the economic development process.

Bill Maynes Fund Fellows: Selection, Implementation, Reporting

EF will select one or more fellows each year through a competitive process based on transparent criteria.

Targeting emerging leaders with little or no previous experience abroad, EF will support young leaders who show a strong potential for future growth, giving them opportunities for network- and capacity-building overseas.

EF field offices and EF Network partners will nominate qualified candidates to EF's Headquarters office in Washington, DC. A selection committee consisting of EF Board members, Bill Maynes family members, friends of EF and one of the EF Network Foundations Presidents will review a nominations and select finalists.

EF will identify host institutions, tailor make a learning program together with those institutions, and arrange supplemental activities and meetings with other key organizations such as international policy institutes, appropriate governmental and nongovernmental institutions and the international business community.

Each fellow will provide regular reports to EF on his/her activities based on guidelines provided by EF's Evaluation department. A biography of the fellow(s) and information on their activities will be distributed to the Fund's contributors and included in EF's publications, which are distributed to a broad audience worldwide.

Eurasia Foundation welcomes contributions to the Maynes Fund. Eurasia Foundation is a nonprofit organization classified under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by U.S. Federal and local laws.

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