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***THE COMMONWEALTH FUND
2012-13 HARKNESS FELLOWSHIPS IN HEALTH CARE POLICY AND PRACTICE***

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominator's Name:

Telephone:

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Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Job Title:

Organization:

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Dear Colleague,

The Commonwealth Fund, in collaboration with the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF), invites you to nominate talented Canadian health services researchers and practitioners for the Harkness/CHSRF Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice.

Established in 1925 by The Commonwealth Fund, the Harkness Fellowships were modeled after the Rhodes Scholarships, and aim to produce the next generation of health policy leaders in participating countries.

Since 2001, a collaboration with the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation has brought a Canadian perspective to the program. Beginning with the class of 2012, the Commonwealth Fund and Canadian Health Services Research Foundation will co-fund one full time Canadian Harkness Fellowship each year, with the fellow to be tenured in the United States for 12 months.

The deadline for receipt of applications from Canada is March 12, 2012. While all interested applicants are welcome to apply, we encourage nominations and appreciate your taking the time to identify potential applicants and help us to select the very best for this prestigious Fellowship program.

Please complete the nomination section above and email this form to the Fund as soon as possible, and application materials will be emailed directly to your nominee.

The Harkness Fellowships provide a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals—academic researchers, government policymakers, clinicians, managers, and journalists—from Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, to spend 10 to 12 months in the United States conducting a policy-oriented research study, working with leading U.S. health policy experts, and gaining in-depth knowledge of not only the U.S. health care system, but also those of Fellows' home countries. The Commonwealth Fund also brings together the full class of Fellows throughout the year to participate in a series of high level policy briefings and leadership

seminars with U.S. health care leaders drawn from government, politics, health care organizations, and academia.

Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest in health policy issues and propose a study within the scope of The Commonwealth Fund's mission to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults.

Once selected, the Fund will provide extensive support to successful Fellows to help them develop and shape their research proposals to better fit the context of the U.S. health system. Through its network of contacts, the Fund will help identify and place Fellows with mentors who are experts in the policy areas to be studied, e.g., at Harvard University, Columbia University, University of California at San Francisco, Johns Hopkins University, Kaiser Permanente, Veterans Health Administration, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), RAND, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and Group Health Cooperative at Puget Sound.

A peer-reviewed journal article or policy report for Health Ministers and other high-level policy audiences is the anticipated product of the fellowship. Harkness Fellows have published their findings in leading journals, including: *British Medical Journal*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Policy*, *International Journal for Quality in Health Care*, *The Lancet*, *Milbank Quarterly*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, and *Quality and Safety in Health Care*.

Building on their fellowship experiences, Harkness Fellows have moved into senior positions within academia, government, and health care delivery organizations, making valuable contributions to health policy and practice at home and in the United States. In addition, Harkness Fellows become part of a strong international network, with opportunities for ongoing cross-national collaborations and research.

Each fellowship will provide up to U.S. \$107,000 in support, which includes round trip airfare to the United States, a monthly stipend, travel to a program of Harkness seminars and policy briefings, project-related travel and other research expenses, health insurance, and U.S. taxes. In addition, a supplemental family allowance (e.g., approximately \$50,000 for partner and two children up to age 18) is provided to Fellows to cover living expenses, airfare, and health insurance.

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For an application, program brochure, and list of suggested projects, please visit www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships For questions about the program, eligibility, and proposed projects, please feel free to contact Robin Osborn, vice president and director of the International Program in Health Policy and Innovation, The Commonwealth Fund (email: ro@cmwf.org; tel: 212-606-3809), or Stephen Samis, vice president for programs, CHSRF (email: Stephen.samis@chsrf.ca).