In recognition of the fundamental role of Howard Raiffa in establishing the field of Decision Science and his outstanding contributions to global understanding throughout his career at both IIASA and Harvard, IIASA has established a Howard Raiffa Fellows Program in Decision Science to encourage and support broader application of decision analysis toward the solution of real world problems and enhance insights for policymakers.

The annual award of the Raiffa Senior Fellowship will bring an acclaimed leader in Decision Science to IIASA to work on the global problems addressed by the Institute’s research programs. The Fellowship would be awarded to an eminent scholar with wide recognition as a global leader in Decision Science, with experience in applying Decision Science to real world problems relevant to the IIASA mission.

Raiffa Associate Fellows from academia, business, government, and the nonprofit section will advance the theory and practice of Decision Science, in collaboration with the Raiffa Senior Fellow and IIASA’s network of researchers and collaborators.

Fellows will be appointed by the IIASA Director General, after evaluation of nominees and applicants by a distinguished review and recommendation committee.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Program is twofold: to honor the vision and legacy of IIASA’S first Director and to reinvigorate the incorporation of Decision Science methodologies in the analyses and solutions developed by IIASA’s research programs.

The Raiffa Senior Fellowship would aim to increase both the recognition and impact of decision sciences, and the Fellows Program would emphasize the development of approaches that help decision makers in business, government, and the non-profit sector think more systematically about complex choices involving uncertainties and tradeoffs.

IIASA’s global reach offers opportunities to strengthen the application of these decision support systems across decision making sectors worldwide, helping to bridge the gap between policy relevant science and the decisions that it can inform.

FUNDING

IIASA has initiated a fundraising campaign to support the Howard Raiffa Fellows Program in Decision Science, but will guarantee funding for the initial period of the Program. The Fellows Program was introduced to the Raiffa community at the Howard Raiffa Memorial at Harvard on 17 October 2016.

Target audience for fundraising: Howard Raiffa’s students, colleagues and friends as well as IIASA alumni

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