

AKFC's International Youth Fellowship Program

Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is a non-profit international development agency, working in Asia and Africa to find sustainable solutions to the complex problems causing global poverty.

AKFC concentrates on specific development challenges in health, education, rural development and civil society. In Canada, AKFC raises funds, builds partnerships with Canadian institutions, and promotes discussion and learning on international development issues.

Established in 1980, AKFC is a registered Canadian charity and an agency of the worldwide Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN).

AKFC is now accepting applications for its 2015-16 International Youth Fellowship Program

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM A World of Opportunity

The International Youth Fellowship Program, sponsored by AKFC in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), is designed to develop leadership and management skills and promote learning for outstanding young Canadians who have a desire and an aptitude to work effectively in a global environment.

The International Youth Fellowship Program builds on twenty-five years of success during which more than 400 university graduates and young professionals have received focused study and practical experience that has enabled them to pursue leadership positions in their chosen fields. The program, designed as a stepping stone for careers in international development, has proven attractive to young Canadians from a wide variety of disciplines—including law, engineering, journalism, education, business and public administration, and development studies—wishing to embark on global careers.

Each Fellow will attend a one month management seminar in Ottawa, followed by an eight month placement (August 2015 to March 2016) in a country in Africa or Asia working with agencies and partners of the [Aga Khan Development Network](#), one of the world's largest and most respected international development agencies. Participants will work on various aspects of development, such as health, education, livelihoods and civil society enhancement. Potential host countries include Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Egypt, India, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Tajikistan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Up to 25 Fellowships will be awarded for the 2015-2016 program.

Participants can apply for one of three streams:

International Development Management (IDM) Fellows benefit from placements in a variety of organizations, working in fields such as health, education, rural development, and civil society strengthening. Placements include positions in research, project management, communications and monitoring and evaluation.

International Microfinance and Microenterprise (IMM) Fellows gain experience with an organization involved in microfinance or market development, to develop skills in the day-to-day operations and evaluation of these programs.

Young Professionals in Media (YPM) Fellows work as journalists for Nation Media Group, a leading media outlet in East Africa. With opportunities to report in print, broadcast, and digital media, Fellows gain the skills to work effectively in today's global media environment.

PRE-DEPARTURE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The four week long Management Seminar provides training in development management and leadership, emphasizing innovative and analytical approaches and strategic thinking and planning, related to the overseas placement. The practitioner-oriented seminar is intended to prepare Fellows for their placements and also equip them with skills and perspectives that will benefit them in a career in international development. Workshops are taught by some of Canada's foremost international cooperation practitioners.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All Fellows must meet the following application criteria:

- Hold, at minimum, a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution by April 30, 2015, with a record of strong academic performance.
- Not be enrolled in any educational program for the duration of the International Youth Fellowship Program (July 2015 – March 2016).
- Demonstrate a commitment to international development through related volunteer, professional or academic experience.
- Be 30 years of age or under on or before February 1, 2015.
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Be fluent in English.

Please keep in mind the following dates:

Application Deadline: February 1, 2015

Interviews: mid-February – early April 2015 (Skype or in-person)

Offers Sent: mid-April 2015

Management Seminar: May 31 – June 27, 2015

Overseas Departure: August 1, 2015

End of Placement: March 31, 2016

To apply to the International Youth Fellowship Program, please visit:

youthfellows.akfc.ca

Deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 2015 at 11:59 PM PST.