

International Youth Fellowship A world of opportunity

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The **International Youth Fellowship Program** is a unique opportunity for young leaders in Canada to bring a global dimension to their careers. Through an intensive training seminar and an overseas placement, Fellows get hands-on experience in international development while supporting strong, effective, local institutions in Africa and Asia.

Canada is a country of leaders, innovators, and creators – known for embracing their role as citizens of the world. The International Youth Fellowship is one of Aga Khan Foundation Canada's (AKFC) wide range of opportunities for people from Canada to **exercise and express their global citizenship**. Through these opportunities, AKFC creates platforms to learn about development contexts and challenges, and to partner with local institutions to jointly change people's lives for the better.



How it works

The **International Youth Fellowship Program** builds the skills of young Canadians and supports the work of AKFC's partner organizations throughout the Aga Khan Development Network.



Participants can apply for an **eight-month overseas placement** that best matches their backgrounds and interests, such as:



PLACEMENTS: Communications, Marketing, Media, Monitoring & Evaluation, Operations, Partnerships, Project Management, Research

Before Fellows depart for their placement in Africa or Asia, they attend a **seminar in Ottawa**, which provides a thorough grounding in the skills and knowledge required to contribute effectively to their local host organizations. Workshops are facilitated by leading international development professionals, based in Canada and overseas.



How to apply

To become an International Youth Fellow, applicants must:

- · Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Be 30 years of age or younger at the time of the application deadline
- Be able to demonstrate qualities and characteristics of global citizens
- Hold at minimum an undergraduate university degree

The application process opens from November to January every year. The training seminar typically takes place in May–June, and placements generally run from June to February.

AKFC covers the major costs associated with the Fellowship, such as travel and living expenses. Fellows are required to make a one-time contribution of \$1,000 toward the costs of their Fellowship.



Learn more: <u>akfc.ca</u>

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