

Aga Khan Foundation Canada's

# International Development Fellowship Program



*Make a World of Difference*

Aga Khan Foundation Canada is now recruiting young professionals under 30 years of age for the following exciting and challenging fellowships:

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**  
**INTERNATIONAL MICROFINANCE AND MICROENTERPRISE**  
**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN MEDIA**

Fellowships feature an eight-month placement in Asia or Africa, preceded by a four-week management seminar in Ottawa facilitated by leading development practitioners.

Apply By **February 1st**  
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# Three fields to choose from

Participants apply for one of three streams that best match their professional backgrounds and interests.

## The International Development Management (IDM) Fellowship

provides a variety of professional opportunities in research, communications, monitoring and evaluation and administration in the fields of health, education, rural development and civil society strengthening.

## The International Microfinance and Microenterprise (IMM) Fellowship

places young Canadians with an organization involved in microfinance or microenterprise and provides opportunities to gain skills in the day-to-day operations and evaluation of these programs.

## The Young Professionals in Media (YPM) Fellowship

offers young Canadian journalists the opportunity to gain experience working with Nation Media Group, a leading media institution in East Africa, and equips them with the skills to work effectively in today's global media environment.

A month-long management seminar in Ottawa provides fellows with a thorough grounding in the skills required to contribute effectively to their host organizations by emphasizing an analytical approach and strategic thinking and planning. Workshops are taught by some of Canada's foremost international cooperation professionals. Participants then carry out an eight-month internship where they gain first-hand, practical experience, while contributing to their host organization's work.



# Fellowship Alumni

“AKFC’s Fellowship Program is reputed for its quality and professionalism. It has attracted some of Canada’s brightest young women and men from a wide variety of disciplines, including law, engineering, journalism, education, business and public administration, and development studies.”

*From an independent evaluation conducted in 2009*

An independent evaluation of the program revealed that 80% of alumni believe that the program helped to shape their career and studies decisions and improve their career prospects in the field of development. According to the survey, 62% of alumni surveyed are currently employed in international development; others have gone on to careers in media, government, and the private sector.



“Reflecting on my internship, I have realised that acquiring new skills and knowledge is inseparable from building and nurturing different relationships, adjusting to new cultures, dealing with ever-changing environments, learning new languages, and most importantly learning about myself.”

*Sanja Ristic, former IDM Fellow, Zanzibar*

“My internship in India was undoubtedly the best learning experience I’ve had, personally and professionally. My experience provided me with a strong foundation from which to build my career.”

*Jennifer Livingstone, former IMM Fellow, India*

“No job I could land in Canada could expose me to what was everyday fodder in Kenya...It’s an internship where the intern is given space and freedom to thrive.”

*Tim Queregesser, former YPM Fellow, Kenya*



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## Eligibility Criteria

To join the International Development Fellowship Program, applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- Be under the age of 30 at the time of application;
- Be able to demonstrate a strong interest in the fields of international development, microfinance and microenterprise, or international media;
- Hold at minimum a University Undergraduate degree.

## About AKFC

Aga Khan Foundation Canada is a non profit international agency that supports social development programs in Asia and Africa. As a member of the world-wide Aga Khan Development Network, the Foundation works to address the root causes of poverty: finding and sharing effective and lasting solutions that help improve the quality of life for poor communities. Our programs focus on four core areas: health, education, rural development and building the capacity of non-governmental organizations. Gender equity and protecting the environment are integrated into every program.

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