



## **PGA Fellowship for HOPE**

(PGA Fellowship for **H**arnessing **O**pportunities for **P**romoting **E**mpowerment of Youth)

### **Introduction**

To promote youth engagement in multilateralism and support the next generation of diplomats, particularly from underrepresented countries at the United Nations, the President of the 76<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly (PGA) has established the “PGA Fellowship for **H**arnessing **O**pportunities for **P**romoting **E**mpowerment of Youth” (**PGA Fellowship for HOPE**).

The Fellowship will bring to New York a small group of young diplomats / civil servants from underrepresented countries at the United Nations, particularly from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), while also ensuring geographical representation and gender balance.

### **Fellowship Training Components**

The Fellowship will partner with United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to impart training on the United Nations, its organs, and subsidiary bodies. The trainings will also cover topics of importance such as sustainable development, climate change, peace and conflict resolution, and human rights as well as skills development in negotiation, drafting, and public diplomacy.

Fellows will be attached on a rotation basis with the teams of the Office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA) – Peace & Security; Human Rights; Humanitarian; Sustainable Development; Reform, Legal & Budget; and Communications. Through their work in the Office of the PGA, the Fellows will gain an in-depth understanding of the workings of the United Nations system, ranging from the Secretariat to United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, and other entities and bodies,

The OPGA Senior Management Team will hold regular meetings with the Fellows to enrich their learning experience and deepen their understanding of the work of the General Assembly.

Fellows may have the opportunity to travel on official visit/s away from United Nations Headquarters.

### **Selection Process**

United Nations Member States and Observer States, from underrepresented countries particularly LDC, LLDC and SIDS are invited to nominate through their Permanent Mission in New York, one candidate for the Fellowship.

Gender balance and regional representation will be considered in the selection of Fellows.

Nominees for the Fellowship should meet the following criteria:

- Between the ages of 25 and 32
- Hold a university degree
- Demonstrate fluency in verbal and written English
- Have a maximum of 3 years of experience working in national government

An independent 3-member selection board, composed of representatives from the Member States, United Nations system, and Civil Society Organizations will review the applications and select the Fellows.

To nominate a candidate, please send the following materials to Mr. Peter Faiz, Chief of Administration, OPGA at [faiz@un.org](mailto:faiz@un.org); with a copy marked to [opga@un.org](mailto:opga@un.org), mentioning **Application for “PGA Fellowship for HOPE”** in the Subject:

- Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission nominating the candidate for the Fellowship.
- Candidate’s cover letter expressing intent to join the Fellowship; and
- Candidate’s CV

### **Deadlines**

Last day for submitting applications	:	30 Nov 2021
Final decisions will be communicated	:	10 Dec 2021
Acceptance to be conveyed	:	15 Dec 2021
Fellowship commencement date	:	10 Jan 2022

### **Fellows will receive:**

- A roundtrip economy airfare ticket from their home country to New York City
- A fixed settling-in allowance
- A laptop and cell phone for use during the Fellowship
- A monthly stipend
- Furnished room
- Health Insurance
- Holidays (in accordance with OPGA guidelines)

### **Nominating Missions will be responsible for:**

- Securing a US visa for the Fellow
- Accrediting of the Fellow to their Permanent Mission in New York and thereafter secondment to the Office of the President of the General Assembly.