

15 November 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to announce the Call for Application for the President of General Assembly Fellowship for Harnessing Opportunities for Promoting Empowerment of Youth (PGA Fellowship for HOPE).

This is a flagship initiative of the Presidency of Hope – one that is particularly close to my heart. I am a firm believer in the importance of engaging with youth and enhancing the role of youth at all levels of decision making. To invest in the future of multilateralism, we need to invest in our youth and bringing them closer to the work of the United Nations.

With the generous support of many Member States, we have designed a programme that will bring young diplomats / civil servants from underrepresented countries particularly from the LDCs, the LLDCs, and SIDS to New York for a year of training, mentorship, exposure and immersion in the United Nations, its main organs, subsidiary bodies, entities, as well as thematic issues of global interest.

The Fellows will be attached to various teams in my Office, so that they gather a deeper understanding of the UN through the work of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. This programme is designed to build lasting capacity and empower young diplomats / civil servants. A note containing details of the Fellowship programme and the application process is attached with this letter.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York For the 76th session, the PGA Fellowship for HOPE will train eight Fellows. Due consideration will be given to ensure gender equality, and regional representation in the selection of Fellows.

As the Fellowship is set to begin on 10 January 2022, I kindly ask Missions interested in this Fellowship to send in applications as stipulated in the attached note, to Mr. Peter Faiz, Chief of Administration, OPGA at faiz@un.org, with a copy marked to opga@un.org, mentioning Application for "PGA Fellowship for HOPE" in the Subject by 30 November 2021. My Office will be in touch with shortlisted candidates thereafter, to carry forward the selection process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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