

PGA Fellowship Programme

Introduction

The President of the General Assembly Fellowship Programme aims to promote youth engagement in multilateralism and support the next generation of diplomats.

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

The Fellowship Programme

The Fellows will be fully embedded in the Office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA) and attached on a rotational basis with the teams of the Office, including Peace and Security; Human Rights and Humanitarian; Sustainable Development; UN Reform and General Assembly Affairs; and Communications and Media. Through their work in the OPGA, the Fellows will gain an in-depth understanding of the workings of the United Nations system, from the Secretariat to the United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies and other entities and bodies.

The Fellowship will offer training sessions for the Fellows on the United Nations, its organs and subsidiary bodies. The trainings will also cover topics such as sustainable development, climate change, peace and conflict resolution and human rights as well as skills development in negotiation, drafting and public diplomacy.

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 a study tour away from United Nations headquarters, for example to Geneva (76th session) or Washington, D.C. (77th session).

Selection Process

Member States and Observer States from developing countries, particularly LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, are invited to nominate one candidate for the Fellowship. Applications will only be accepted if they are submitted through Permanent Missions in New York.

Nominees for the Fellowship should meet the following criteria:

- Between the ages of 25 and 30
- Hold a university degree
- Demonstrate fluency in verbal and written English
- Have a maximum of three years of experience working in national government

An independent selection panel will review the applications, interview short-listed candidates as necessary, and select the Fellows. Gender balance and regional representation will be considered in the selection of the Fellows.

To nominate a candidate, please send the following materials to Mr. Shojiro Nishimura, Senior Adviser at the OPGA at nishimura@un.org with a copy to opga@un.org, mentioning “Application for PGA Fellowship” in the Subject:

- 1.Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission nominating the candidate for the Fellowship;
- 2.Candidate’s cover letter expressing intent to join the Fellowship (up to 300 words); and
- 3.Candidate’s CV.

Indicative Timeline

Last day for submitting applications:	1 November 2023
Successful candidates to be notified:	late-November 2023
Acceptance to be conveyed:	5 December 2023
Fellowship commencement:	mid-January 2024

Fellows will receive entitlements, equipment and a health insurance. Details will be communicated in due course.

- A roundtrip economy airfare ticket from their home country to New York City
- A laptop for use during the Fellowship
- A monthly stipend
- Health Insurance

Fellows will have to apply for and obtain a **G-4 visa** prior to travel to New York.

Further information on the UN’s policies on fellowships can be found at <https://www.un.org/development/desa/fellowship/fellowships/>