

Advancing Social Justice



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FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

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To help communities move toward positive social change and democratic development.

In a world in which access to broadly shared knowledge is increasingly the key to sustainable and democratic development, too many groups have remained marginalized. Limited access to higher education because of one's caste, disability, ethnicity, gender, geographical isolation, language, or race reinforces the pernicious cycle of poverty. The need to offer education and leadership training to members of marginalized social groups who can lead their communities toward positive social change has never been more urgent.

SOLUTIONS

Empower capable and committed leaders from excluded social groups.

The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program advances the graduate-level academic pursuits of potential leaders from 22 countries and territories around the world. Participants commit to applying their new learning to promote positive social justice initiatives in their own countries and communities. Launched in 2000 with a \$280 million grant from the Ford Foundation, the largest in its history to a single program, IFP will benefit more than 3,500 Fellows over its 12 years. In 2005, the program had over 900 active Fellows.

The International Fellowships Program Secretariat is housed at IIE's New York headquarters, and the Institute collaborates closely with IFP to find the most appropriate university placements for Fellows who choose to study in the United States and Canada. IFP works with 20 international partner organizations that administer the program in their countries or regions. In Mexico, IIE helps place IFP Fellows at host universities, while IIE offices in China and Russia oversee Fellows' selection in those countries. IIE also manages the financial and administrative arrangements for all current IFP Fellows studying at 316 universities in 37 countries around the world.

More than 2,000 Fellows have been selected to date. Nearly 600 IFP alumni have completed their fellowships and are beginning to re-establish themselves professionally after up to three years of graduate study in Europe, North America, and in their home regions. IIE and other IFP partners are assisting in efforts to keep alumni connected, to ensure that they can individually and together become a powerful force for social change. As community activists, researchers, civil servants and volunteers, IFP alumni are addressing the most pressing problems in their home countries and communities.

The Institute shares the International Fellowships Program's goal of building people's capacity to lead their countries and communities toward positive change.

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IMPACT

IFP alumni are demonstrating that knowledge translated into action leads to greater justice in our troubled world.

Aditi Ghosh, from India, earned a master's degree in environmental studies at the University of Bradford, UK, and now works in emergency response and disaster management for Care India. "My long-term objective has always been to work towards achieving development that is more sustainable in environmental, economic and social terms," Aditi says, adding that her IFP Fellowship "gave me new skills and increased my confidence to lead."