

## what

**The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP)** mission is to expand educational opportunity and foster social justice in developing countries. IFP provides fellowships for post-graduate study to emerging leaders from Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Russia and Latin America. These leaders come from marginalized and excluded communities that typically lack access to higher education.

IFP was launched in 2001 with \$280 million, the largest single grant in Ford Foundation history. In April 2006 the Ford Foundation announced a new pledge of \$75 million for IFP. The program expects to support approximately 4,300 Fellows when final selections are completed in 2010. IFP will conclude in 2013.

IFP fellowships support up to three years of study for master's, doctoral, or professional post-graduate degrees. Fellows choose a broad range of disciplines and fields that reflect their social justice concerns. Areas of study include public health, natural resource management, indigenous languages, education, law, public policy and development studies, among others. To serve IFP Fellows, the program has developed partnerships with dozens of universities in the United States, the United Kingdom, and continental Europe, as well as in the Fellows' home regions.

IFP pursues its mission through many innovative practices:

- Recruiting strategies are locally designed by IFP's partner organizations to reach specific marginalized communities
- Selections are carried out by independent committees in individual countries and regions
- Fellows are selected on the basis of their academic record and potential, leadership skills and social commitment
- Fellows receive a comprehensive package of benefits, including preparatory training, placement assistance and academic support during their post-graduate programs
- The fellowship supports study programs in universities throughout the world
- There is no age limit for candidates or Fellows

## why

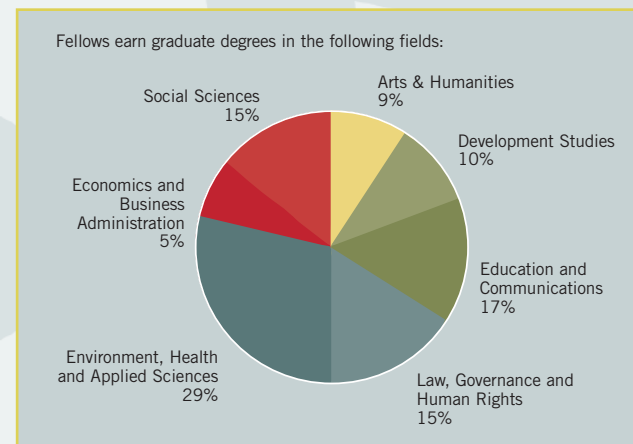
Demand for higher education is increasing throughout the world, far exceeding available funding. Developing countries, in particular, are in urgent need of educated leaders who will work with their communities on problems such as poverty, lack of education and health care, and environmental devastation. IFP addresses this need directly by providing opportunities for advanced study to talented and motivated individuals who will use their new skills and knowledge for the benefit of their home countries and communities.

## where

Selections for IFP Fellows are held in Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Vietnam.

## who

Over 3,300 Fellows have been selected from more than 65,000 candidates in Africa and the Middle East, Asia, Russia and Latin America. Approximately half the selected Fellows are women, many are from ethnic, religious or linguistic minority groups in their home countries, and the majority comes from rural areas or small towns. IFP is one of the most selective fellowship programs in the world.



## what has been accomplished

Nearly 3,000 Fellows have won admission to master's, doctoral and other advanced degree programs at universities in Europe, North America, and in their home countries and regions. Almost 400 recently selected Fellows are now in preparatory training and admissions processes.

34% of Fellows study at universities in their home countries or regions; 32% in the United States and Canada; 19% in the United Kingdom; 13% in continental Europe; and 2% elsewhere. Since the beginning of the program, Fellows have studied in 525 universities in 45 different countries.

Over 2,000 Fellows have completed their fellowships. Ninety-eight percent of all Fellows have been academically successful.

Fellows have been funded for the following degrees:

- MA (or similar) – 80%
- PhD (or similar) – 20%

Numerous Fellows have won honors, awards and additional fellowships, furthering their impact at home and abroad. For example, IFP Thailand Fellow Kaensri Chaikot and a team of students at Clark University were awarded a major grant from the European Commission to promote human rights and democratic reform in Nepal. Mohamed Ali Ibrahim, an Egyptian Fellow, was awarded a commendation from the governor of New Hampshire for teaching English to international refugees in Concord, New Hampshire. And Ugandan alumnus Aaron Mushengyezi won a grant from a UK-sponsored program to support a bilingual children's book project in northern Uganda.

According to a 2008 survey of recent alumni:

- 89% enrolled in master's degree programs earned their degree
- 93% evaluated their educational choices as "very successful"
- 83% were living in their home country at the time of the survey
- 89% reported that their current job was related to their social commitment

## alumni snapshots



▲ IFP Alumnus Orlando Ríos Méndez of Mexico received his master's degree in Immigration & Intercultural Education at the Universitat de Barcelona. In Spain, Orlando held Spanish language workshops for African immigrants. He is currently the research coordinator for the Indigenous Education Center for the Study and Development of the Indigenous Languages of Oaxaca, Mexico.

> IFP Alumna Joyce Akai Emanikor of Kenya received her master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. Joyce is currently the Education Programme Officer for an Oxfam GB education program that addresses high dropout rates, low enrollment and low participation of parents in Kenyan schools.



< IFP Alumna Erzhena Budaeva of Russia, from an ethnic minority group in Russia's Ulan Ude region, received her master's degree in Public Policy at Syracuse University in the U.S. She is now head of an advocacy group addressing disability issues in Russia.



> IFP China Fellows, alumni and other volunteers exchanging ideas about school curricula and program implementation for a community school in Jinan city, Shandong province. The school's mission is "provide educational opportunities to disadvantaged students."



## IFP Partner Organizations

### AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**Egypt** | America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST) | [www.amideast.org/programs\\_services/exchange\\_programs/ifp](http://www.amideast.org/programs_services/exchange_programs/ifp)

**Ghana** | Association of African Universities (AAU) | [www.aau.org/ifp](http://www.aau.org/ifp)

**Kenya** | The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) | [www.ifpeastafrica.org](http://www.ifpeastafrica.org)

**Mozambique** | Africa-America Institute (AAI) | [www.ifpmoz.co.mz](http://www.ifpmoz.co.mz)

**Nigeria** | Pathfinder International | [www.pathfind.org/ifp](http://www.pathfind.org/ifp)

**Palestinian Territories** | America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST) | [www.amideast.org/programs\\_services/exchange\\_programs/ifp](http://www.amideast.org/programs_services/exchange_programs/ifp)

**Senegal** | West African Research Center | <http://www.warc-croa.org/IFP-FF.htm>

**South Africa** | Africa-America Institute (AAI) | [www.aaisa.org.za](http://www.aaisa.org.za)

**Tanzania** | The Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) | [www.esrftz.org/ifp](http://www.esrftz.org/ifp)

**Uganda** | Association of the Advancement of Higher Education and Development (AHEAD) | <http://www.ahead.or.ug/ifp/ifp.php>

### LATIN AMERICA

**Brazil** | Carlos Chagas Foundation (CCF) | [www.programabolsa.org.br](http://www.programabolsa.org.br)

**Chile** | Equitas Foundation | [http://www.fundacionequitas.org/proyectos\\_ifp.html](http://www.fundacionequitas.org/proyectos_ifp.html)

**Guatemala** | Center for Research on the Mesoamerica Region (CIRMA) | [www.cirma.org.gt](http://www.cirma.org.gt)

**Mexico** | Center for Research and Higher Education in Social Anthropology (CIESAS) | [www.ciesas.edu.mx/ciesas-ford/Intro.htm](http://www.ciesas.edu.mx/ciesas-ford/Intro.htm)

**Peru\*** | Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP) | <http://www.programabecas.org>

*\* IFP in Peru is administered by the Institute for Peruvian Studies under the management of the Equitas Foundation.*

### ASIA AND RUSSIA

**China** | Institute of International Education Beijing Office | [www.china-ifp.org](http://www.china-ifp.org)

**India** | United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) | [www.ifpsa.org](http://www.ifpsa.org)

**Indonesia** | Indonesian International Education Foundation (IIEF) | [www.iief.or.id/ifp/ifp.html](http://www.iief.or.id/ifp/ifp.html)

**Philippines** | Philippines Social Science Council (PSSC) | [www.ifpphil.ph](http://www.ifpphil.ph)

**Russia** | Institute of International Education Russia and Eurasia Office | [www.iie.ru/IFP](http://www.iie.ru/IFP)

**Thailand** | Asian Scholarship Foundation (ASF) | [http://www.asianscholarship.org/asf/ifp\\_program\\_IFP\\_Eng.php](http://www.asianscholarship.org/asf/ifp_program_IFP_Eng.php)

**Vietnam** | Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam (CEEVN) | [www.acls.org/ceevn/ifpguidelines.htm](http://www.acls.org/ceevn/ifpguidelines.htm)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

IFP is a program of the International Fellowships Fund, an independently incorporated supporting organization of the Institute of International Education (IIE). More information can be found at: [www.fordifp.org](http://www.fordifp.org) or call (212) 984-5558.



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