

ACCELERATE YOUR IMPACT

INTRODUCTION

In addition to Acumen's Global Fellows Program, Regional Fellows Programs, and +acumen chapters, there are a lot of other opportunities around the world to help you accelerate your social impact. We created this list to help people find out about what those opportunities are. The categories in this list includes: Leadership Development Programs; Field Placement Programs; and Funding Opportunities. Please note that the information in this list was last updated in October 2013 and deadlines or eligibility requirements may be out-of-date or innaccurate. **If you are interested in any of the below opportunities, we encourage you to visit the organization's website by clicking on the name/link to the left of the description.**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

| Name | Brief Description | Abbreviated Requirements | Application Deadline |
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| <u>Aspen Institute: First Movers Fellowship Program</u> | The First Movers Fellowship is offered by the Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program whose mission is to equip business leaders for the 21st century with a new management paradigm – the vision and knowledge to integrate corporate profitability and social value. Fellows must attend three seminars, each a few days long. Fellowship seminars are dedicated to teaching and practicing various innovation skills. Fellows will be expected to complete an innovation project during their Fellowship. The innovation should help the company move toward greater strategic integration of a critical social or environmental objective. | Must be nominated. Mid-career business professionals. Demonstrated passion and capacity for working at the intersection of business growth and positive social and environmental change. | January |
| <u>Aspen Institute: Henry Crown Fellowship Program</u> | The Henry Crown Fellowship Program seeks to develop the next generation of community-spirited leaders, providing them with the tools necessary to meet the challenges of business and civic leadership in the 21st century. The two-year program comprises a structured series of four seminars (approximately 24 days in total) under the guidance of skilled senior moderators of the Aspen Institute along with a required leadership project of each Fellow's own design and choosing. | Must be nominated. Between ages 25-45. Entrepreneurial executives who've achieved success in creating and leading dynamic organizations, primarily in business. | October |
| <u>Atlantic Council: Emerging Leaders of Pakistan Fellowship</u> | Emerging Leaders of Pakistan (ELP) is a highly selective program that inspires, empowers, and connects emerging young leaders from across Pakistan. The Fellowship facilitates sustainable idea exchange among participants and with the broader community in Pakistan, the region, and the world by bringing together like-minded individuals who are working to create positive change within their communities and country. Program participants are selected from diverse backgrounds, including geography, religion, ethnicity and gender, which fosters the discussion of both the triumphs and challenges they face as leaders working in different capacities to bring about social change. Working with one another, Fellows develop a support system through the sharing of ideas and practices. The Fellowship blends opportunities for personal development while providing young Pakistani leaders the chance to build long-term collaborative relationships and learn from one another's experiences. ELP Fellows receive long term mentoring and support from partner organizations based in Pakistan. | Between ages 18-30 years A citizen of Pakistan, residing in Pakistan Willing and able to travel to the United States Able to communicate (written and oral) in English No previous travel to United States or Europe | March |
| <u>Deshpande Fellowship Program (India)</u> | The Deshpande Fellowship Program (DFP) is a 7.5-month residential program for young social leaders. Fellows receive the knowledge, skills, and practices necessary for success in the development sector. The rigorous program emphasizes 3 core themes—innovation, scalability, and entrepreneurship—through course modules, guest speakers, and field activities. At the end of the fellowship, fellows can apply their teachings to their future careers or in starting their own innovative social enterprise. | Between ages 23-28 (preferred). Graduate or post-graduate degree. Possess a minimum of 1-2 years work experience in the development sector. | On-going |

[IDEO.org Fellowship Program](#)

The IDEO.org Fellowship Program fosters design leaders of the future. Basically, it's a mash-up of passionate/talented people from the design, business and social sectors: 3 IDEO designers and 5 promising leaders from around the globe. For 11 months, these 8 Fellows are working, learning, growing and innovating to make the world a better place. The focus is on human-centered design to improve the lives of people in low-income communities.

5 years of professional full-time work experience OR graduate degree plus 3 years of work experience.

December

[M121 Fellowship for Sustainable World Change](#)

Fellows will discover and utilize your unique personal strengths, learn about sustainable ways to change the world, be an integral part of M121 business planning and brainstorming, learn about eradicating poverty, and champion the cause of M121. Fellows will submit assignments on pre-selected topics/experiences, and will get feedback, encouragement, and questions to consider from other fellows and M121 staff. The entire program will occur virtually – online and phone. There is no need for travel. Expect to spend 7-10 hours a month to get the most out of the program.

Between ages 18-35.

December

[New Leaders Council Institute](#)

A free 5-month (January–May, 1 weekend per month), comprehensive leadership development program, the New Leaders Council Institute combines advanced leadership development training by experts, mentorship, networking, and job placement to train tomorrow's progressive leaders today. Training programs focus on a core curriculum of personal leadership development, entrepreneurship, communications and marketing, fundraising and finance, political strategy and management, traditional and new media, and Internet and technology. Fellows spend time with local/national leaders and are paired with career mentors.

Between ages 22-35.

Fellows have created or led an organization or business to greatness, or demonstrated an interest in and ability to create change by realizing a vision and compelling others to follow.

November

[Cordes Fellowship: Opportunity Collaboration](#)

Cordes Fellowships provide exceptional social entrepreneurs and nonprofit leaders engaged in poverty alleviation and economic justice enterprises the opportunity to participate as Delegates in the Opportunity Collaboration conference. The purpose of the Cordes Fellowship program is to (a) open doors, minds and networks for emerging social entrepreneurs and nonprofit executives, (b) enrich the Opportunity Collaboration with new, emerging leaders and (c) infuse the collaborative discussions with a diversity of perspectives. Opportunity Collaborations is a four-day problem-solving, strategic retreat for nonprofit leaders, for-profit social entrepreneurs, grant-makers and social investors engaged in economic justice enterprises.

Executives of organizations with a demonstrated commitment to economic justice and poverty alleviation.

January

[Rockefeller Foundation: Bellagio Residency](#)

The Bellagio Residency program offers academics, artists, thought leaders, policymakers, and practitioners a serene setting conducive to focused, goal-oriented work, and the unparalleled opportunity to establish new connections with fellow residents from a stimulating array of disciplines and geographies. The Bellagio Center community generates new knowledge to solve some of the most complex issues facing our world.

Mid- to senior-level practitioners working in institutions or not-for-profit organizations.

Practitioners working in health, climate, urbanization, economic security, food, water, and housing.

On-going

[Sauvé Scholars Program](#)

Sauvé Scholars are highly motivated independent thinkers with demonstrated skills as agents of change, who are offered a unique opportunity to spend 9 months away from their studies, careers or other formal commitments, for a period of reflection and self-realization – both personal and professional – at McGill University in Montreal. Sauvé Scholars may audit courses at the undergraduate or post-graduate level (but not for credit) and may participate in the array of university activities and facilities for every taste and interest. Each Scholar is expected to undertake a new project in his or her chosen field – for example, arts, advocacy, business, communications, government or research – or complete one that is underway.

Between ages 23-30.

Minimum of 2-3 years of professional and/or work experience (paid or unpaid)

Completed undergraduate education by start of Fellowship

November

[StartingBloc Fellowship Program](#)

The StartingBloc Fellowship begins with the Institute for Social Innovation, a transformative 5-day experience during which young leaders learn to increase their impact, exponentially. The Institute curriculum includes a survey of social innovation, an innovative case-study competition and sessions with industry leaders. Throughout the Institute, candidates receive the training, education, and networks necessary to accelerate their careers in social impact. Candidates also participate in the Social Innovation Competition (SIC) during which they consult on a real social innovation case challenge for a company or organization. Following successful completion of the Institute, Candidates graduate into the Fellowship and join our existing network of 1,600 Fellows around the world.

Between ages 18-28.

Students and young professionals.

October

[Synergos Senior Fellows Program](#)

The Senior Fellows Network is comprised of distinguished international civil society leaders committed to collaborative efforts that address the underlying causes of poverty and inequity. Senior Fellows program links extraordinary civil society leaders in a worldwide learning, service and action network. Through the three-year fellowship (appx. 14 days per year, expenses covered), Fellows have the opportunity to enhance their skills, knowledge, and experience through peer-to-peer learning, annual and regional meetings, learning journeys, workshops, and contact with eminent persons. The Fellows also have opportunities to connect and collaborate with other distinguished change makers in the development field aligned with Synergos, including philanthropists and foundations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, governments, global institutions and academics.

Seasoned practitioners in civil society organizations working across sectors to make a positive contribution in addressing issues of poverty alleviation, equity or social justice

At least 10 years of experience in a management position

July

[TED Fellowship](#)

The TED Fellows participate in either our TED Conference in Long Beach, California or the TEDGlobal event in Edinburgh, U.K. In addition to attending the conferences, Fellows will participate in specially designed pre-conference programs with training from the world's experts in spreading great ideas.

Generally between ages 21-40 (but anyone over 18 years old may apply)

July and October

FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAMS

| Name | Brief Description | Abbreviated Requirements | Application Deadline |
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| Aga Khan Foundation Canada International Fellowship | Each Fellow will spend 8 months in a country in Africa or Asia working with agencies and partners of the Aga Khan Development Network. Fellows receive pre-departure training to financial support during the overseas placement. The Fellowship also includes a month-long Management Seminar in Ottawa, where Fellows gain the skills required to contribute effectively to their partner organization through training workshops led by Canada's foremost experts in the field of international development. | Fellows are chosen on the basis of their leadership potential and commitment to community or national service, as well as their academic excellence. | Fall |
| Atlas Corps | Atlas Corps facilitates overseas fellowships for the best of the world's rising leaders. They work at outstanding organizations addressing social issues and are enrolled in an ongoing training program. After 12 or 18 months, they return to their countries to work for at least one year (and usually their entire career) back in the nonprofit sector, sharing new skills, best practices, valuable experiences and a global network of changemakers. Fellows serve full-time at non-profit host organizations located either in the United States or Latin America working on issues that complement their expertise. Fellows develop their leadership skills while sharing best practices and supplement daily knowledge with theoretical topics presented in the Atlas Corps Nonprofit Management Series. | Age 35 or under. 2 or more years of relevant experience in the nonprofit/NGO/social sector. Bachelor's degree or equivalent. | October, January and April |
| Blue Engine Fellowship | Blue Engine is a national service model that combats college under-preparedness by recruiting and supporting teams of Blue Engine Teaching Assistants (BETAs), recent college graduates who partner with classroom teachers to increase academic rigor in public high schools in New York City. Fellows may also take on secondary roles in the school community. | Bachelor's degree. | Fall |
| Catholic Relief Service: International Development Fellows Program | Catholic Relief Services' International Development Fellows Program (IDFP) gives people who are interested in a career in international relief and development an opportunity to increase their overseas experience and gain exposure to our programs. Each year, CRS places approximately 25 Fellows with our country programs overseas. Assignments are for one year, typically starting at the end of July. Specific job responsibilities vary greatly from one country to another depending on the country program's focus (Agriculture, Health, Peacebuilding, Education, Microfinance, or a combination of these). The goal of the IDFP is to place Fellows in positions where they can draw on their previous education and work experience, while broadening their skills. Many of our fellowships lead to regular positions with Catholic Relief Services. | Graduate degree. Fluency in a foreign language (other than English). Desire to work for faith-based organization. | September |
| d.light Design Fellowship Program | The d.light design Fellowship Program links passionate and talented professionals with one of the world's leading social enterprises bringing light and opportunity to millions of base-of-the-pyramid families. During the 10-month program, d.light Fellows will be mentored by a member of the d.light senior management team, collaborate with our multinational team, gain valuable insight into the operations of a successful social enterprise, and help improve millions of lives. | Bachelor's degree (graduate preferred). Minimum 3-5 years of professional experience in a related field. | May |

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| <u>Design Impact Fellowship Program</u> | Design Impact's 10-month Fellowship Program partners American and International designers with community-based non-profit organizations in India. Fellows grow their professional design skills by receiving hands-on training from design experts and sector-specific consultants while participating in an immersive design program. Design Impact Fellows live and work for 10 months in India amongst the challenges faced by resource-poor communities, using design skills in non-traditional functions such as organizational capacity building, product distribution patterns, partnership development, and solution implementation. | Bachelor's degree in design or related field (art, engineering, marketing, non-profit management, business, planning) 3 years work experience in the field of design or a related field | February |
| <u>Education Pioneers Fellowship Program</u> | The Fellowship Program features high-level work experience as a project consultant, training on complex urban education issues, access to local education industry experts and collaboration with a cohort of professionals from a variety of industries and backgrounds. During the year-long program, Fellows will participate in professional development and networking opportunities, and provides a unique opportunity to launch a high-impact career in education by making a significant contribution to a leading education organization over the course of a year. | Pursuing or completed a graduate degree. | -- |
| <u>Fulbright Fellowship Program</u> | The Fulbright Program provides participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. | Eligibility criteria will vary by program and by country. | Varies |
| <u>Fuse Corps Fellowship Program</u> | We provide opportunities for entrepreneurial professionals to spend one year in distinguished, “cabinet-level” positions helping governors, mayors and community leaders across America drive meaningful social change. We connect these professionals with concrete projects in local communities that address a national priority (such as education, economic development or health care). To start your year, you'll gather with other Fellows in Silicon Valley for an intensive 2-week leadership institute. A key part of the program is a distinguished speakers series. You'll have access to dozens of top leaders in government and industry. | Minimum 8 years of professional experience, especially private sector. Skills relevant to available placements. | November |
| <u>Global Health Corps</u> | Global Health Corps focuses on engaging young people in fields that help to build health systems and improve health services without requiring clinical training. Fellows work in a yearlong paid position with a manager at a partner organization who provides guidance and support. Fellowships are available in a wide range of areas, from monitoring and evaluation to supply chain management, IT services to human resources. Fellows are evaluated regularly by partner organization staff. | Bachelor's degree. Under age 30 at time of application. | December |
| <u>Global Service Corps: Seeds of Sustenance Fellowship Program</u> | The Seeds of Sustenance (SOS) Fellowship Program provides unique opportunities for international development and public health professionals, or recently graduated Master's Degree students to gain valuable international experience through their work as SOS Fellows assigned to development organizations in sub-Saharan Africa or Southeast Asia. SOS Fellows help to improve the managerial and training capacity of participating Non-Governmental Organizations and Community-Based Organizations that provide community support and sustainable training programs to vulnerable populations. | Professional experience or graduate degree. | On-going |
| <u>GlobalGiving: Field Representative Program</u> | With a backpack and an adventurous spirit you have the basic tools to visit one, two, or twenty GlobalGiving projects. GlobalGiving's In-the-Field Program recruits, trains, and facilitates individual visits to GlobalGiving projects all over the world. While you're traveling, we ask that you write 'postcards' to GlobalGiving, which allows other GlobalGiving supporters to share your experience. We also encourage our visitors to complete evaluation forms about the organizations they visit, helping us get a better sense of the work our partners are doing in the field! You'll get the chance to shape your own adventure including where you'll go, where you'll stay, and how you'll get there. | -- | On-going |
| <u>Grameen Foundation: Bankers without Borders</u> | Bankers without Borders is Grameen Foundation's global volunteer initiative, connecting individuals and companies with microfinance institutions and other organizations serving the poor. From human resources to marketing, from cash management to telecommunications, Bankers without Borders gives volunteers a chance to use their professional expertise where needs and returns are greatest. Whether working on-site or remotely, whether consulting or training, members of Bankers without Borders help increase the scale, sustainability, and impact of the programs that Grameen Foundation supports. On-site consulting projects range from 2 weeks to 4 months, on average. | Professional experience related to the project. | On-going |

[Mo Ibrahim Foundation: Leadership Fellowships Program](#)

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation partners with the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and the World Trade Organization (WTO) to create the fellowships placements in each partner organization’s executive offices. The expectation is that Mo Ibrahim Fellows will go on to play a major role in the governance and development of the African continent.

Under the age of 40-45. --
Must be a citizen of an African country.
7-10 years of relevant work experience and a graduate degree.

[ICICI: Fellowship Program](#)

ICICI Fellows is a pioneering leadership program that nurtures young talent to create socially responsible leaders for India. This transformative program focuses on experiential learning. Fellows spend 15 months working on grassroots development projects with NGOs, interspersed with modules on management training and leadership development. The entire experience provides Fellows with knowledge, insight and commitment to inclusive growth. Upon completion the Fellows are equipped to take leadership positions across all sectors – private, government and civil society – to help India take the bigger step.

Between ages 21-28. February

[IDEX Fellowship](#)

The IDEX Fellowship is a paid 10-month field placement in a social enterprise that offers cultural and social immersion into the field of social enterprise for college graduates interested in launching a career in the sector. IDEX Fellows work across five focus areas: Market Knowledge & Insights, Strategy & Operations, Business Development, Innovation & Sustainability, and Impact Assessment & Analysis. IDEX Fellows can expect to receive 2-3 weeks of training upon arriving at their field location, and meet with prominent industry and business leaders across various focus areas to give greater context of the local culture, Indian social enterprise sector and specific market insight.

Bachelor’s degree. January
21 years old or older.

[Indicorps Fellowship](#)

Indicorps offers one or two-year grassroots service fellowships for young professionals of Indian origin who want to make a real difference in India. It is an intense, total immersion leadership program: our approach to development requires a willingness to challenge your base assumptions about development and yourself. The program starts with an intense, month-long orientation. Over the course of the Fellowship, Fellows attend periodic workshops in which they come together to reflect, share progress, collectively solve challenges and deepen their understanding of India’s development. Indicorps provides a nominal stipend. Basic room, board and Fellowship-related travel (to and from workshops) are covered. Fellows are encouraged to fully immerse in their communities and live according to local standards.

Indian citizen, or a person of Indian origin. March
University degree or 5 years of relevant work experience.

[Kiva Fellows](#)

Since 2007, the Kiva Fellows Program has offered over 400 individuals a rare opportunity to put their skills to work in support of global microfinance. Applicants chosen for the program serve as Kiva’s eyes and ears on the ground, working directly with our microfinance institution (MFI) field partners in over 60 countries around the globe. The Kiva Fellow is an unpaid, volunteer position designed to increase Kiva’s impact and to offer participants a unique insider experience. Each Fellow will travel to and live in the host country with one of our partner microfinance institutions (MFI) for a minimum of 10 weeks. During this time, you will immerse yourself in the local culture, work with our partner’s loan officers, and conduct multiple interviews with our entrepreneurs, to capture and convey their lives and the impact of the Kiva loan.

Between ages 20–60+. Varies

[LeapFrog Investments: Global Fellows Program](#)

This is a unique chance to work as an Investment Associate with a cutting-edge firm for a minimum of 12 months. Fellows will help LeapFrog to source and execute exciting investment opportunities, to grow companies sustainably, and to expand the reach of insurance these markets. Fellows’ responsibilities can include financial modeling, investment due diligence, industry analysis, day-to-day operations, marketing and transaction support. There will also be opportunities to work directly with prospective and current portfolio companies, helping their high-impact businesses grow and succeed.

2 or more years in private equity, investment banking, consulting, or similar. February
Degree in commerce, finance, economics, or similar.
Demonstrated experience in financial modeling, business analysis, and/or transaction development.

[LGT Venture Philanthropy: iCats Fellowship Program](#)

The iCats Program enables you to leverage your professional skills and experience to support social organizations that LGT Venture Philanthropy funds. iCats take on clear roles and important tasks and responsibilities which contribute to maximize the organizations’ positive impact on less advantaged people. The Program bridges the gap between social organizations in need of professional know-how and resources, and business professionals with the desire to apply their knowledge and experience to benefit the social sector, thus acting as “impact catalysts”.

Minimum of two years relevant work experience (strong business experience preferred). July
International work experience.

RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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| <u>Lok Capital: Fellowship Program</u> | <p>Lok Capital is one of the pioneering "base of pyramid"-focused impact investing venture capital funds in India. Lok Capital runs a fellowship program that places passionate and talented young business and development professionals with its investee companies in 12-18 month roles as consultants, analysts, researchers, and advisors.</p> | <p>Impressive academic credentials and several years of professional experience.</p> | <p>June</p> |
| <u>MBA Enterprise Corps (associated with MBAs Without Borders)</u> | <p>The standard assignment consists of a one-week orientation and training period in Washington, DC followed by 12-15 months of work as an advisor with a partner business, NGO, association, or government working on small business development, finance, supply chain development, export/trade, corporate social responsibility, or private sector development projects in the developing world.</p> | <p>Holds an MBA from (and apply through) a partner university school.</p> <p>3 or more years of relevant work experience.</p> <p>International exposure through course work, exchange programs, international internships or personal travel.</p> | <p>--</p> |
| <u>Peace Corps</u> | <p>Volunteers are placed in countries and on projects where their skill sets (broadly, education, youth and community development, health and HIV/AIDS, business information and communication technology, agriculture, and the environment) can meet the needs of a local community. They work on Peace Corps and individually designed projects.</p> | <p>Must be an American citizen to apply.</p> | <p>On-going</p> |
| <u>Piramal Fellowship for Sustainable Business</u> | <p>The Piramal Fellowship for Sustainable Business is a two-year program that enables aspiring leaders with an opportunity to explore the power of business to do good, develop the tools to innovate business models, and participate in a community dedicated to the pursuit of social impact. By working with some of the best social entrepreneurs in India on their greatest challenges, Piramal Fellows contribute on the frontlines of where business and social aspirations intersect. The fellowship is a total immersion classroom for impact-driven enterprise, supported by a sustainable leadership curriculum and a community of peers.</p> | <p>University degree.</p> <p>2 years of work experience.</p> <p>Eligible to work in India.</p> | <p>September</p> |
| <u>ProInspire Fellowship Program</u> | <p>Our flagship program, the ProInspire Fellowship, recruits outstanding business professionals who want to use their skills for social impact and invest in a growing community of Fellows. Fellows spend one year working in an analytical or strategic role at a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C or San Francisco. This highly competitive program offers targeted positions with leading nonprofits, monthly trainings with a cohort of peers, a coach, and a network to support career growth.</p> | <p>2-5 years of business experience.</p> | <p>February - May</p> |
| <u>REDF – Farber Fellowship</u> | <p>During the year, each Farber Fellow works with a REDF Portfolio social enterprise on projects to support the business in achieving its goals. In addition to their specific project work, Farber Fellows are involved in other strategic activities of the enterprise and parent nonprofit organization. Farber Fellows also have the opportunity to participate in REDF Portfolio-wide activities, including quarterly meetings, conferences, seminars, and educational and networking events with REDF staff, portfolio members, and other individuals and organizations in the social enterprise and venture philanthropy arenas.</p> | <p>Holds an MBA degree.</p> | <p>On-going</p> |
| <u>Teach for America</u> | <p>Teach for America recruits committed recent college graduates of all backgrounds to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. Teach for America trains and develops these corps members so that they have an immediate positive impact on their students. The organization also fosters the leadership of its alumni as they address America's education problems from all sectors.</p> | <p>Bachelor's degree.</p> | <p>Multiple deadlines</p> |
| <u>Teach for India</u> | <p>Fellows are full-time teachers in English-medium government or low-income private schools for two consecutive academic years. In addition to teaching, a Fellow implements a transformational project in the school and/or students' community directed towards impacting any challenge towards the achievement of their students.</p> | <p>Born after January 1st, 1976</p> <p>Must be in final year of undergraduate education, graduate education, or young professional</p> | <p>Multiple deadlines</p> |
| <u>TechnoServe: Volunteer Consultant (VolCon) Program</u> | <p>Volunteer Consultants (VolCons) are critical members of the TechnoServe team, working with our full-time staff to further our mission and increase our impact around the world. Consultants work on 3-12 month projects throughout Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and India. TechnoServe typically covers Volunteer Consultants' costs to travel to and live in-country for the duration of their projects. Volunteer Consultants contribute their skills to help change the lives of those living in poverty; experience the field of international development firsthand; and join a global alumni community representing top-tier consulting, industry and nonprofit organizations and graduate schools.</p> | <p>Minimum of 2 years of work experience.</p> | <p>On-going</p> |

[Tony Elumelu Foundation: African Markets Internship Program \(AMIP\)](#)

An exclusive group of MBA students from leading business schools in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, the United States and Europe will be selected to work with The Tony Elumelu Foundation as associates with fast-growing, African-owned and -operated enterprises across multiple sectors. Selected associates will participate in a 10-week program in which they will gain, produce and contribute to knowledge, processes and projects that can help to strengthen and grow the enterprise and contribute to job creation, economic growth and innovation in Africa.

MBA or Master's (selected schools) student at a participating institution in Africa, Europe, or the U.S.

December, February, March

[Villgro Fellowship](#)

The Villgro Fellowship is a 1 year program that aims to cultivate a pipeline of future leaders, who have the social commitment, leadership and operational skills to bring about permanent change in rural India, using principles of social entrepreneurship, while filling a critical talent gap within Villgro's incubatee companies. Villgro will provide Rs. 25,000/- per month to cover meals, housing and incidental costs.

Work experience in one or more of the following functions: strategic planning, finance and accounts, human resources, sales and marketing, design and operations.

May

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

AWARDS, INCUBATORS, BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITIONS

| Name | Brief Description | Abbreviated Requirements | Application Deadline |
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| Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy | The Ashden Awards reward high caliber, pioneering enterprises in the UK and the developing world that have a vision of a sustainable energy future for all. At annual awards ceremony, prize-winners receive a £10,000 award as well as global exposure and a tailored package of support to help them grow. Working with expert partners, we leverage support to drive our UK and International winners forward: from mentoring, business and technical guidance to introductions to finance. | Organizations running a successful program that uses local sustainable energy to tackle climate change. Organizations must be up and running for at least a year, have the potential to grow and should be easy for others to replicate. | -- |
| Ashoka Fellowship | Ashoka invests in people. We search the world for leading social entrepreneurs and at the launch stage, provide these entrepreneurs—Ashoka Fellows—a living stipend for an average of three years, allowing them to focus full-time on building their institutions and spreading their ideas. We also provide our Fellows with a global support network of their peers and partnerships with professional consultants. Once elected to the Ashoka Fellowship, Fellows benefit from this community for life. | See website. | None |
| BASES 150K Social Entrepreneurship Challenge | Stanford's Social Entrepreneurship Challenge (Social-E) is an annual business model competition conducted by BASES with the purpose of developing the next generation of social entrepreneurs. It takes place during Winter and Spring quarters, and includes three rounds of judging. The competition awards \$50,000 in total prize money. | Nonprofit or for-profit companies that demonstrate scalable business ideas with quantifiable social or environmental impacts are encouraged to apply to the Social E-Challenge. | February |
| Buckminster Fuller Challenge | The Buckminster Fuller Challenge is an annual international design challenge awarding \$100,000 to support the development and implementation of a strategy that has significant potential to solve humanity's most pressing problems. It attracts bold, visionary, tangible initiatives focused on a well-defined need of critical importance. Winning solutions are regionally specific yet globally applicable and present a truly comprehensive, anticipatory, integrated approach to solving the world's complex problems. | -- | October |
| Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship | The Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship has incubated and invested in over 50 innovative ventures across the high-tech sector (not just information technology), and has also taken up several initiatives to strengthen India's entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing mentoring, financial and knowledge inputs. We encourage budding entrepreneurs to apply to us for investment, incubation and mentoring support through our dedicated initiatives, including information and communication technology, clean energy, and healthcare. General mentoring is also available. | Early stage companies in information and communication technology, clean energy, or healthcare. Companies looking for general mentoring. | On-going |

[Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation Fellows](#)

The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation partners with entrepreneurs to build strong and capable organizations. We believe that multi-year, unrestricted grant funding is essential for an organization to plan properly, hire well, and focus on its mission. If a leader can build a strong organization from the beginning, the organization has a much better chance at scaled and sustainable impact. To that end, The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation provides \$300,000 in startup funding, paid over 3 years, to organizations that show extraordinary promise, as well as management assistance.

Experienced, dedicated social entrepreneurs with a developed idea for a non-profit based in the U.S.
Organizations that address a national/global social issues & plan to be national/global.
Early stage organizations (0 – 3 years on average)

On-going

[Echoing Green Fellowship](#)

Echoing Green’s world-renowned two-year fellowship program provides more than \$2 million in seed funding to a diverse group of the world’s most promising social entrepreneurs. From thousands of applicants, typically fewer than 1% are selected as Echoing Green Fellows. Those selected receive up to \$90,000 in funding to launch new organizations; access to Echoing Green’s robust network; leadership development opportunities; and one-to-one support and counseling. Our newly launched Alumni Program builds community among our 500+ Fellows dating back to 1987 in order to foster peer learning, shared access to useful resources, and a lifetime commitment to positive social change.

Early stage organizations (<2 years).
Fellows must focus full-time on their enterprise during the fellowship.

January

[Endeavor Global](#)

Endeavor helps Endeavor Entrepreneurs unleash their potential by providing an unrivaled network of seasoned business leaders, who provide the key ingredients to entrepreneurial success: mentorships, strategic advice, networks, and inspiration. From raising financing to human resource development, to creating and negotiating term sheets, these mentors play a critical role in supporting Endeavor Entrepreneurs. Additionally, Endeavor provides managerial talent from blue-chip companies and top business schools and access to difficult-to-penetrate networks. Finally, Endeavor has built a peer network of entrepreneurs who provide a strong, supportive community to face any challenge.

Must currently reside in an Endeavor country.
Must be involved in a high-growth business.

On-going

[Global Social Benefit Incubator](#)

The Global Social Benefit Incubator, a program developed by Santa Clara University’s Center for Science, Technology, and Society, assists social entrepreneurs in developing business plans that enable their organizations to become financially sustainable and scalable. The four-month, on-line preparation and two-week in residence program is a leadership training program in which the selected social entrepreneurs, working with faculty and mentors, learn key business skills for managing financial sustainability and scalability, and complete a strategic business plan, investment profile for fund raising, and a one-year tactical plan for their organization. Entrepreneurs graduate from GSBI with practical and strategic business tools to allow their organizations to “scale”. The final phase of the program, the in-residence program, take place on Santa Clara University’s campus in August.

Enterprise that creates large-scale social impact at the base of the pyramid
Potential to scale rapidly while being financially self-sustaining
CEO or operational management executive commits to completing the pre-work and attending the in-residence program

January

[Global Social Entrepreneurship Competition](#)

A world-class program, GSEC supports students as they develop innovative business models that achieve poverty alleviation and empowerment of the poor. Throughout the process – from application to GSEC Week – students receive expert guidance, refine their business skills, develop their networks, and gain access to new resources. More than \$30,000 in prizes are awarded.

Open to currently enrolled students, in any discipline, any level of study, at any academic institution of higher education worldwide.
Must have an innovative social venture plans that aims to alleviate poverty in developing economies.

November

[Global Social Venture Competition](#)

The Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC) provides aspiring entrepreneurs with mentoring, exposure, and \$50,000 in prizes to transform their ideas into businesses that will have positive real world impact. Founded by MBA students at UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business, the GSVC has evolved into a global network supported by an international community of volunteer judges, mentors and student organizers and a partnership of premier business schools in the US, Europe, Asia, and Africa. In 2012, GSVC received over 600 entries from 50 countries. Previous years’ finalists include Husk Power, Revolution Foods, and d.light design.

Must have a business plan must be for a social venture.
Each entrant team must include a graduate student (current or recent graduate) from any masters-level or post-graduate higher education program in any area of study in the world.
The graduate student must be actively involved in the venture

December – January

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| <u>GoodCompany Ventures</u> | <p>GoodCompany Ventures is an intensive three-month program which addresses strategic challenges faced by entrepreneurs. Together, the class builds a robust commercial strategy to implement and scale each entrepreneur's vision for social innovation. GoodCompany Ventures offers: Access to Infrastructure (Conference and office space as well as technology infrastructure within our facility in downtown Philadelphia); Access to Advisors (GoodCompany has assembled mentors, preferred providers, expert advisors, industry leaders, and start-up gurus); and Access to Capital (GoodCompany will facilitate a first investment round by assembling representatives from leading VC firms and angel investors.)</p> | <p>Must be a for-profit social enterprise</p> <p>Must have completed their concept/pilot stage, have already engaged partners, created a prototype and begun beta or test marketing.</p> <p>Companies should also anticipate needing external funding within 6-12 months.</p> | <p>April</p> |
| <u>Hub Ventures</u> | <p>We operate 12-week cohort cycles at Hub Bay Area, during which participating companies receive seed funding and engage in best-in-class mentorship, collaborative sessions with program peers, and workshops and speaker events on topics relevant to impact oriented startups. We also connect companies with our extensive network of investors during the program and at Investor Day, an opportunity to pitch to hundreds of Bay Area investors.</p> | <p>Must be a start-up that has scalability, profit-ability, and significant impact.</p> <p>Generally “technology for good” companies including web-based, software, and mobile startups. But other types of businesses are also considered so long as they are focused on impact and can attract equity investment.</p> | <p>March</p> |
| <u>Mind Trust Education Entrepreneur Fellowship</u> | <p>The Mind Trust’s Education Entrepreneur Fellowship is a unique national initiative designed to develop and nurture innovative strategies for taking on our greatest challenges in education. The Fellowship provides an incubator in which talented education entrepreneurs develop, build and launch their break-the-mold education ventures. It provides Fellows vital funding as well as ongoing support. Fellows receive two years of salary, benefits, a travel and training stipend and the daily assistance of The Mind Trust. With this support, Fellows work to transform education as we know it, bringing change, new hope and real opportunity to some of the U.S.’s most underserved children.</p> | <p>US-focused education start-up</p> | <p>On-going</p> |
| <u>PopTech Social Innovation Fellowship</u> | <p>Fellows participate in an all-expenses-paid, multi-day intensive program focused on insights and tools for accelerating and scaling “big bet” innovations, such as branding, media relations, social/Web2.0 media, finance, leadership, digital storytelling, design for impact and organizational development. Interactive training sessions are led by eminent innovators and acknowledged leaders in these fields. On a year-round basis, Fellows join a dynamic alumni network and have ongoing access to faculty and peer-to-peer mentoring opportunities. These relationships have resulted in significant media coverage, grants, venture financing and organizational support for previous years’ Fellows.</p> | <p>Must be nominated.</p> <p>Minimum of 3-5 years work experience.</p> <p>Applicants must be working in growing social impact organizations (profit or non-profit)</p> | <p>February</p> |
| <u>Rolex Awards Supporting Enterprising Individuals</u> | <p>The Rolex Awards provide grants of 100,000 Swiss francs each to five Laureates. Each Young Laureate receives 50,000 Swiss francs. Each Award is given for a new or ongoing project anywhere in the world – one that deserves support for its capacity to improve lives, or protect the world’s natural and cultural heritage. These projects have touched all aspects of humanity by expanding knowledge or improving life on the planet. All winners are given a Rolex chronometer and benefit from international publicity. The Laureates also have access to the network of former Laureates and jury members for advice and exchange.</p> | <p>Must be driving pioneering work in one of five areas: applied technology, cultural heritage, environment, exploration and discovery, or science and health.</p> | <p>--</p> |
| <u>Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award</u> | <p>Awardees are highlighted at national celebrations and during key plenary sessions at World Economic Forum events. They are also provided with opportunities for community building with other entrepreneurs, connected with leaders at World Economic Forum events, provided with scholarships for executive education at leading business schools, and given access to pro-bono consulting services.</p> | <p>Organization must be able to achieve transformative social change, be sustainable, and be scalable (and partially scaled).</p> | <p>Fall</p> |
| <u>Shuttleworth Foundation Fellowship</u> | <p>The Fellowship provides the equivalent of a year’s salary, a contribution towards expenses plus access to a travel allowance. In addition, the Fellow will have access to potential project funding from the Foundation, who will match the Fellow’s personal investment in projects by at least ten fold. Technological, financial, and legal support may also be provided. The Foundation will support the Fellow to take their good ideas and turn them into successful initiatives.</p> | <p>Must be an innovative idea for social change through fresh thinking that adds value in the areas of knowledge, learning and technology.</p> | <p>On-going</p> |

RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

[Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship](#)

The Skoll Foundation presents the Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship each year to a select few social entrepreneurs who are solving the world's most pressing problems. The Skoll Award includes a core support grant to the organization, to be paid over three years, and a noncash award to the social entrepreneur presented at the Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship every spring.

Winners have a tested and proven social innovation in a non-profit model that addresses an issue of critical importance and is positioned for large-scale impact.

March

[Social Venture Network Innovation Awards](#)

Each Selected Applicant will be given an all expenses paid trip to the Social Venture Network Fall Conference, a Social Venture Network Basic membership (\$1,100 value), and have their registration fees for the social Venture Network Member Gathering waived (\$880 value).

Business must be located in the US or Canada (not Quebec) and have been fully operational for more 6 months and less than 7 years.

April

[Unltd India](#)

Unltd India finds, funds and supports exceptional individuals whose ideas, passion and entrepreneurial skills can bring about long-term solutions to India's social problems. Our program offers a year long package of seed funding, hands-on coaching and training, and high-value connections. Multiple levels of assistance are offered.

Must be based in Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Solapur, Raigarh, Satara or Ahmadnagar

Multiple

Ideas/projects must be less than 4 years old

[Unreasonable Institute](#)

Each year, Unreasonable unites 25 entrepreneurs from every corner of the globe to live under the same roof for six weeks in Boulder, Colorado. These entrepreneurs receive training and build long-term relationships with 50 world-class mentors, ranging from the former Managing Director of Investments at Google.org, to the CTO of HP, to an entrepreneur who's enabled over 19 million farmers to move out of poverty. In the process, they also form relationships and build their businesses with 20 investment funds, receive legal advice & design consulting, and pitch to hundreds of potential investors and partners.

Must have a full-time team of at least 2 people

November

Must have completed a prototype or pilot

Must have already meaningfully engaged with customers (ideally have generated revenue from core product or service)

[Village Capital Fellowship](#)

Village Capital uses the power of peer support to build enterprises that change the world. Inspired by the concept of the "village bank" in microfinance and peer support groups such as YPO and EO, Village Capital puts the hard tasks of building companies—criticism, strategy, feedback, and legwork—in the hands of entrepreneurs themselves. Village Capital organizes cohorts worldwide and runs education programs focused on intensive peer review. At the end, entrepreneurs assess one another, and do so in an astoundingly collegial way. Entrepreneurs even sit in the investor's seat: the top ranked can receive pre-committed capital from partner investors. In Village Capital programs, entrepreneurs leverage help from their peers: individuals rooted in practical experience and gain a network of like-minded leaders to reach scale.

Must be based in India

Multiple

Entrepreneurs with innovations that can be translated to market based models