

Welcome

Thank you for joining...we will be starting soon



ICANN Fellowship Program

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What is the Fellowship Program?

- Started in 2007
- Grant to enable eligible individuals from around the world to attend **ICANN Meetings**
- It covers the cost of economy class airfare + hotel + stipend after successful completion of the program to assist to cover some basic expenses incurred by the fellow
- Recipients are expected to actively contribute to ICANN processes and be a part of the next generation of ICANN leadership
- Usually **25** grants are awarded per Meeting

Our Mission

- Capacity building within existing ICANN constituency groups
- Make participants more aware of the current issues affecting the global Internet community
- Create a stronger base of knowledge through outreach in the less developed regions
- Engage fellows to take a more active role in the future of the Internet in their own country, region and globally
- Encourage the alumni to find their own way within the community and become the new voice of experience in the years ahead

Why is it important?

- For the community...
 - increases proactive participation and leadership at ICANN
- For the fellows....
 - Meet influential members of the Internet community, including regional and international leaders
 - First hand training about ICANN and key issues
 - Engage in current Internet policy discussions
 - Ongoing support & networking through the Alumni Program

Who Can Apply?

- Applicants must be citizens of economically eligible countries
 - We use the [World Bank classification](#) of low, lower-middle, and upper-middle economies
- Applicants have to meet specific requirements, such as,
- Applicants are usually representatives of governments; country code top-level domains (ccTLDs); nonprofits; private sector

The Application Process

- Online application at <http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships/>
- Applicants must :
 - be citizens of economically eligible countries
 - exhibit certain interest in some aspect of ICANN community and/or Internet work
 - show intent of future involvement
- Independent Selection committee review
- Successful candidates are announced via ICANN website
- It takes approximately 12 weeks from application to selection

The Selection Process

- Independent Selection Committed composed of 5 individuals, representing the 5 ICANN regions
- Only up to 3 ICANN Meetings
- Fellowships are awarded based on a mix of criteria including applicant experience and references, geographic proximity to meeting, receipt of past fellowships, etc.
- Due to financial limitations ICANN may not be able to provide fellowships for all qualified applicants. In the case of a dispute or similar applications final decisions will be made by the [fellowships committee](#)

Statistics to Date

- Applications received - **1032**
- Countries represented - **89**
- **9** ICANN Meetings funded = **160** fellows
- Funded opportunities – **225**
- Alumni participation - **104**

ICANN Meetings in Brief

- Held 3 times a year in different regions; run 5 days
- No registration fees
- Average # of attendees: **1200**
- Estimated countries represented: **135**
- Attendees are diverse global Internet leaders from public and private sectors
- 37 Meetings since ICANN's foundation in 1998
- Key benefits of attending:
 - Understand how Internet policies are created
 - Gain knowledge about the main issues facing the Internet today and in the future



Typical Fellowship

- ▣ Number of applications received: 140
- ▣ Number of applications meeting min. req /number selected to participate: 35/25
- ▣ Breakdown by Group
 - ccTLD community: 7
 - Government : 7
 - Civil society: 6
 - Private sector: 3
 - Academia: 2
- ▣ Half of the Fellows have never attended an ICANN meeting
- ▣ One-quarter of the Fellows are Alumni mentors

Typical Week



- Mandatory morning meetings @ 7:30am
- Other Mandatory Meetings: Welcome Ceremony, Public Forum and Board Meeting
- Suggested attendance at that meeting's hot topics such as New gTLD, DNS abuse, Affirmation of Commitments and the Constituency Day sessions – identified as most relevant depending on class
- Social Events each night; Gala Event
- Encourage participants to Network, Engage, Exchange, Reach out
- Support from Staff, Alumni and Constituency members



Beyond the Meeting Week

- Choose path in the ICANN community
 - ALAC
 - gNSO
 - ccNSO
 - GAC
 - NomCom
 - Working Groups
- Become ambassadors for the program and ICANN by spreading the word in their office, community, regional gatherings and conferences
- Actively participate in:
 - ✓ <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/>
 - ✓ <http://blog.icann.org/>
 - ✓ <http://public.icann.org>
 - ✓ <http://www.icann.org/en/newsletter/>

Alumni Growth

- 11 Alumni have gone through the NomCom process
- 10 former or current Fellows are part of SO or AC working groups or committees
- 3 members of the GAC, including Afghanistan
- 2 serving as vice-chairs
- ICANN monthly magazine articles, regional and gov't articles and documents
- Mentoring and Outreach

ALUMNI PROGRAM COMMUNICATION



facebook.

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=app_2373072738&ref=ts&gid=38321594313#!/group.php?v=wall&ref=ts&gid=383215494313

▣ Blog <http://icann-fellow.blogspot.com/>

▣ Alumni Mailing List

▣ Linked In

Questions and Comments

Any additional questions can be emailed to
fellowships@icann.org

Thank you and good-bye!