



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

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United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Fellowship Programme

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations seeks to reduce tensions across cultural divides that threaten to inflame existing political conflicts or trigger new ones. Through preventive diplomacy initiatives, it works at grassroots level, promoting education, youth, media and migration projects aimed at building trust and respect among diverse communities.

The UNAOC was established in 2005, at the initiative of the Governments of Spain and Turkey, under the auspices of the United Nations. In March 2013, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, former President of the General Assembly, was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General to succeed Jorge Sampaio, former President of Portugal, as High Representative for the Alliance. UNAOC is supported by a Group of Friends – a community of over 120 member countries and international organizations and bodies. The UNAOC Secretariat, based in New York, NY, is funded by multiple donors, with operations-level support provided by UNOPS.

UNAOC runs a Fellowship Programme based on the recognition that bridges need to be built between cultures and societies through dialogue and cooperation. In addition, the Fellowship Programme recognizes the necessity to reinforce both the political will and the collective commitment to live together by strengthening mutual understanding and respect. In particular, the Fellowship Program intends to improve mutual knowledge and understanding between peoples and societies from Muslim-majority countries, mainly from the Arab World, and from Europe and North America. The Fellowship Programme provides emerging leaders from these societies with opportunities to get more familiar with the diverse realities and cultural environments of the others. Such an approach is particularly powerful as it is an experiential tool to dialogue aiming to increase mutual understanding and improve intercultural relations.

The Fellowship Program was launched in 2010 and has since run four more sessions.

The next session of the Fellowship Program for participants from the Arab World will take place in June 2014, for a period of 15 to 20 days. Interested candidates are encouraged to **apply before February 24, 2014**, for consideration for this session.

Eligibility

In order to be considered for the Fellowship, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Citizens of countries located in North Africa and the Middle East. Accomplished and influential young professionals and emerging leaders recognized by their communities and with the potential to become key leaders in their field in the near future.
- Active either in politics (local, national, or international), civil society, media, business, local communities, faith based movements, or other fields; and contributing to the advancement of their societies.
- Willingness to use the knowledge and skills acquired through the Fellowship Program in their current leadership position.
- Motivated and available to take part in a program of approximately 15-20 days, as scheduled by the organizer.
- Willingness to respect all rules and regulations set out by the organizer and the host countries (a signed commitment letter will be required).
- Be no younger than 28, and no older than 38 years of age at the time of the application.
- Good knowledge of written and spoken English. All meetings and activities will be held in English.
- Possess a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the assigned Fellowship dates.

Selection process

Only complete applications received before the deadline will be considered. A selection committee of partners will conduct an initial review of the applications, conduct phone/video interviews for the pre-selected candidates, and provide recommendations of candidates who are most qualified to take part of the UNAOC Fellowship.

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

The Application Package

All material must be submitted electronically, in English as a single email to the UNAOC secretariat: AOCfellow@unops.org

The application package needs to include:

- 1) [Fellowship application form](#)
- 2) Current resume and passport-style photo
- 3) One letter of recommendation included
- 4) A 3 minute-video introducing yourself is welcomed and encouraged

Thank you!