ICANN and YOU: A Stakeholder Journey

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Our Programs

**Fellowship**
Global Capacity Development Program to support ICANN’s Multistakeholder community; online application process is open three times per year to participate in an ICANN Public Meeting (Policy Forum Mtg for Alumni only)

**NextGen**
Regionally based Program to create awareness and promote future discussions within universities and other regional forums; online application process is open three times per year to attend an ICANN Public Meeting

**Newcomer**
Program dedicated to those entering the ICANN community. Options are self-study using the Newcomer web page or participation in person or remotely at the Newcomer Sunday meeting at an ICANN Public Meeting

Watch Fellowship and NextGen video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrV_ZkDEfIg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrV_ZkDEfIg)

Watch Newcomer video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da1RQt9-e-g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da1RQt9-e-g)
How NextGen Differs From Fellowship

The Fellowship Program focuses on Global capacity development program to support diversity and active involvement in ICANN’s multistakeholder community. Online application process is open three times per year. 45 Fellows are selected for each ICANN Meeting (including 5 mentors). Candidates must be at least 21 years of age, no age cap to participate.

The NextGen@ICANN program focuses on education, awareness and future engagement. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30, live and be enrolled in some type of higher learning curriculum in the region where the ICANN Public Meeting is being held. 12 candidates are selected per meeting to engage in customized, topical discussions. 3 Additional previous NextGen serve as Ambassadors.
How Program Funding Works

**Fellowship**
Travel, accommodations and stipend provided to cover some costs of attending an ICANN Public Meeting

**NextGen**
Travel, accommodations and stipend provided to cover some costs attending an ICANN Public Meeting

**Newcomer**
No funding offered but opens doors to communication and learning through engagement@icann.org and ICANN Learn
## Overview of Community Recommendations

1. **Increase SO/AC involvement in selecting and mentoring fellows**
2. **Develop and gather metrics to understand and measure impact**
3. **Enhance capacity development of fellows**
4. **Focus on active engagement in policy**
Fellowship Program Current Processes

Outreach and Promotion
- SOs/ACs define targets for skills/diversity
- Org implements targeted outreach

Application
- ICANN Learn certification of completion required
- Provide proof of engagement (self-reported fields for metrics)

Selection
- Committee of SO/AC appointees
- SOs/ACs define and revise committee and applicant criteria
- 3-fellowship limit
- Diversity prioritized

Pre-Meeting Preparation
- Mentors identified by SOs/ACs paired with fellows
- ICANN Learn courses for first-time and returning fellows

On-Site Responsibilities
- Fellows attend working group/other sessions identified by mentor
- Fellows engage and network with relevant experts

Post-Meeting Requirements
- Fellows submit a report on activities and future plans
- Mentors and SOs/ACs work to involve fellows in policy activities
Fellowship Program key web pages

https://www.icann.org/fellowshipprogram

Frequently Asked Questions:
• https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/fellowship-faqs-2015-07-10-en

Process and Terms
• https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/fellowship-process-terms
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