The International Fellows Program has been “instrumental in helping NGO practitioners learn about and spread the community foundation concept... [and having] broadened the understanding of community foundations among leaders in the philanthropy field.”

Alumni work in the field

IFP alumni were instrumental in launching these and other institutions/initiatives around the globe:
- Ahmedabad Community Foundation (Ahmedabad, India)
- Bolu Başıçlar Vakfı/Bolu Community Foundation (Bolu, Turkey)
- The Bombay Community Public Trust (Nariman Point, Mumbai, India)
- Center on Philanthropy (Kyiv, Ukraine)
- Dobry Gorod Petersburg/Kind City St. Petersburg Community Foundation (St. Petersburg, Russia)
- Federation of Polish Community Foundations (Nidzica, Poland)
- The Ibero-American Community Foundation Network (an electronic platform)
- Leaders in Philanthropy Program for Latin America
- Niti Foundation (Kathmandu, Nepal)
- Tswera Community Foundation (Tswera, Limpopo, South Africa)
- Turkish Philanthropy Funds (New York, NY, USA)
- Waqfeyat al Maadi Community Foundation (Cairo, Egypt)

About Us

For over 25 years, the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society has worked to highlight the philanthropic activities of different groups, with a particular emphasis on multiculturalism – the patterns of giving and voluntarism by different religious, ethnic, racial, gender and economic groups.

The Center began its International Fellows Program in 1989 and has since trained 191 fellows from 63 countries and territories.

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In their own words...

“I used in practice everything I learned and experienced during this ... Fellowship!”
Jasna Jasarevic, Bosnia & Herzegovina – SIFP ‘06

“...one of the major things that made a big shift in my life... they make you see things and invest in you.”
Marwa El-Daly, Egypt – ELIFP ‘01

“I discovered a world full of great ideas and people.”
Ida Adolfova, Slovak Republic – ELIFP ‘13

The program helps to “develop the larger picture for those of us who are working in our own little corners of the world... Keeping the larger picture in mind is what personally keeps me going...”
Bhavna Ramrakhiani, India – IFP ‘00

“...the team, resources, and learning there [are] out of this world!”
Allyson Reaves, USA – ELIFP ‘07

“This course has been amazing for the knowledge I have gained... particularly strategy.”
Steve Chaney, New Zealand, SIFP ‘09

“...an experience that will certainly influence your personal and professional philanthropic path.”
Marcela Orvananos de Rozvar, Mexico – SIFP ‘03

“How much I learned during the fellowship... that has helped to tackle some of the challenges community foundations deal with in Germany”
Bernadette Hellman, Germany – ELIFP ‘10

“...proved to be an invaluable experience for me and the work I do. “
Shaun Samuels, South Africa – SIFP ‘13

“...the team at CUNY should feel confident that this program is making a difference!”
Filiz Bikmen, Turkey – ELIFP ‘06

“...a turning point for me in many ways, especially to link me with the international society.”
Jung-Rin Kim, South Korea – IFP ‘00

“My experience ... continues to mould me. I am now able to perceive development with a more mature and global eye...”
Lynnette Micheni, Kenya – ELFIP ‘12

Where our 191 alumni make an impact

- Africa (13%)
- Asia (20%)
- Central, Eastern Europe and Russia (21%)
- Western Europe (11%)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (19%)
- North America (10%)
- Australia and New Zealand (5%)

Our programs

The Emerging Leaders and International Fellows Program (ELIFP) provides leadership training through applied research and professional mentorships to young community foundation professionals who

- Aim to strengthen community philanthropy and place-based grant-making philanthropy
- Want to increase the sector’s impact on their local communities
- Seek networking opportunities with colleagues worldwide; and
- Aspire to lead the community philanthropy sector

The Senior International Fellows Program (SIFP) is for decision-makers in community foundation and community grant-making organizations looking to

- Discover new ways to strengthen community and place-based philanthropy
- Expand their professional network of third-sector professionals from around the world and exchange ideas;
- Carve out time to explore new strategies