GLOBAL FELLOWS

WHAT IS A GLOBAL FELLOW?

The Global Fellows program offers professional fellowships in business, NGO, and governmental organizations in Israel. The Fellowships involve design and implementation of specific solutions for project and program priorities for their home countries in developing economies.

WHO ARE WE?

The Milken Innovation Center at the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research develops market-based solutions for transformative change. We use innovative financing mechanisms, programs, and policies to bridge social, regional, economic, technological and productivity gaps. Our goal is to accelerate economic growth, build human capital, and meet global challenges in water, food, education, health and energy with practical solutions. The Blum Lab for Developing Economies, as a member of the Blum Centers for Developing Economies, is our strategic partnership for our initiative in developing markets.

WHAT IS OUR APPROACH?

The Global Fellows program builds focused project teams to design and implement priority development projects based on conditions, needs, and sustainable development goals. Working with in-country partners (Governments, local authorities and development finance organizations) we will structure project opportunities in those developing markets in overcoming scarcity in agriculture/food, water, energy, and global health by blending development finance with technological solutions. The program is a partnership between the Jerusalem Institute’s Milken Innovation Center and Blum Lab for Developing Economies, Israeli and international development partners, and Israeli’s leading science and technology centers in both the public and private sector.

WHAT IS OUR PLAN?

Milken Innovation Center is organizing project development field visits and Project Development Labs in Sub-Saharan African countries, India, and elsewhere in developing economies. These Project Development Labs include field visits and a project development lab to identify practical and feasible projects and programs, and actionable strategies to advance these projects. The local visits include meetings and workshops with professional government representatives and identify potential projects and solutions and partners to meet SDG’s. Host Global Fellows for up to 10 months of intensive project development in Israel, training in project solutions and technologies for specific projects and return to host countries to implement project solutions in projects.
public and private development practitioners involved in project planning, development and implementation, including water, energy, agriculture, finance, communications projects. These field visits include local, regional, and national project sponsors, international partners where possible, and Israeli technology providers, where applicable. The results of the field visits also include recruitment of potential Global Fellows. The Global Fellows will be involved in some aspect of the work of the local partnership/sponsor for projects.

**WHAT DOES THE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDE?**

- Up to 10-month stipend for fellowship in Israel focused on developing a project implementation plan with Israeli development technology partners.
- Graduate level course on innovative finance for sustainable development and financial mechanics seminar (in coordination with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Graduate School of Business).
- Project supervision by our staff, and support by professional mentors involved in aspects of project development and finance and specific technology fields, as applicable.

- Work teams and placements with suitable Israeli technology companies and solution providers (NGOs, technology transfer organizations, incubators or Labs) in relevant fields.
- Workshops and seminars to focus on key aspects of international development finance and project development, including project budgeting, feasibility determination, Letters of Credit, term sheets, project evaluation, etc. The experts may include Israeli and international experts from development financial institutions and multi-lateral development organizations and from universities and academies.
- Professional development, and updates about individual projects and field trips to review on site projects and programs in Israel.
- Support and programming on professional skills, orientation to Israeli technology sectors, skill development focusing on sustainable development project and enterprise finance, in a weekly training seminar, and other support while they are in the country.
- Special tours in Israel of history and industry sites.

**WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS BY GLOBAL FELLOWS?**

- Irrigation for smallholder farms in Kenya
- Renewable energy project finance in Kenya
- Agritech commercialization and development financing
- Financial services management for smallholder farmers in Ecuador and Peru

**WHAT OUTCOMES DO WE EXPECT?**

1. Professional skill and experience with specific technologies and solutions needed for in-country projects
2. Development and implementation plan for relevant solutions
3. Financial structure and plan to be implemented upon return to home country
4. Working relationships with development and financial partners, such as bilateral and multilateral development financial institutions, and institutional investors
5. Personal development

**WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?**

The Global Fellows are targeted to early career professional staff within operational ministries, e.g. agriculture, water, energy, national economic development boards, and businesses and NGOs involved in development projects and program.

**Travel allowance to Israel and to home countries to work with project teams on project research and project development**

_The fellows will receive a monthly stipend and a budget for lodging_

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