

Terms of Reference: Next Generation India Public Health Fellow

Background

Our Future Agenda is a new UN Foundation program that helps young people shape the global policy agenda to tackle the world's most urgent challenges. It aims to deliver impact for the next generation - young people under 30 who make up half the world's population; and future generations - the 10.9 billion people yet to be born this century. It builds on the request by the UN Secretary-General to host a group of young leaders as Next Generation Fellows to contribute to and support Our Common Agenda, his vision for the future of international cooperation.

Their proposals were launched in a standalone report entitled [Our Future Agenda](#), which identifies six thematic priorities raised by young people as priorities for global action: transforming education; jobs and economic opportunities; climate and sustainability; and peace and justice.

The program helps young thinkers, leaders, and activists deliver results. We aim to:

- Support a new cohort of Next Generation Fellows under 30 to drive Our Future Agenda priorities in partnership with the United Nations and the broader international system.
- Engage partners through the Unlock the Future coalition to drive action, commitments, and financing for young people, leveraging its reach of over 875 million worldwide.
- Activate the generation of doers, providing young people with an open, intergenerational platform to design the future.
- Bolster efforts to rejuvenate global institutions and equip them to think, plan, and act for the future across the UN and the broader international system.

2023-2025 Next Generation India Fellowship

The Next Generation India Fellows is an opportunity for young Indian thinkers and leaders to gain first-hand experience in understanding and solving the world's most pressing challenges from the lens of the Global South. In the year that India will be confirmed as the world's most populous country and leads the G20, this fellowship will provide a global platform for its young doers, leaders, and thinkers to explore and champion an agenda for the next and future generations. In line with our commitment to building links between immediate, near-term, and long-term challenges, this work will:

- Develop solutions for the most urgent challenges facing young Indians, such as education, health, inclusion for marginalized young people, sustainable growth, and disaster risk reduction.

- Tackle risks that will shape the lives of the next and future generations across the course of this century, including climate change, biodiversity loss, food systems, digital transformations, emerging security threats, and catastrophic and existential threats.
- Make proposals for how to build 21st-century international institutions that can think, plan, and act for the future.
- Participate in the 2024 Big Brainstorm and 2024 Engine Room in preparation for the Summit of the Future, designing and participating in intergenerational dialogues about the Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the United Nations.
- Prepare a final publication on the Future of India, with initial findings shared at the 2024 Summit of the Future and a launch at the 2025 World Social Summit. This publication will be a culmination of the fellows' work and will include a series of campaign actions and moments both during and after launch.

Throughout this journey, the UN Foundation (UNF) and the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) will provide the Fellow with comprehensive support to drive transformational changes at both national and international levels. Each fellow is expected to dedicate one day per week over two years. This flexible commitment is designed to accommodate the fellows' priorities and existing commitments. All fellows can travel and engage in two global or regional events. They will also access a tailored leadership, training, and mentoring program.

The fellowship concludes with a publication on the Future of India, a testament to their contributions to this pressing field. The findings will be shared at the 2024 Summit of the Future and officially launched at the 2025 World Social Summit, marking the Fellow's lasting imprint on global health discourse.

This two-year fellowship is an opportunity and a platform for young Indian thinkers to effect significant change transcending national boundaries and impacting the global community. The Next Generation India Public Health Fellow will play a pivotal role in creating an improved global health landscape for the 21st century. This is not just about the future of India; it is about the future of us all.

Public Health Next Gen India Fellow

India will need to develop its healthcare system to extend beyond just healthcare services to include overall well-being, mental health, nutrition, and the impact of environmental factors. The Public Health Next Gen India Fellow will consider how India, as a young nation, can contribute to global cooperation and multilateral systems to address future global health challenges and disasters. They will explore challenges, solutions, and opportunities to better invest in youth-led and youth-focused initiatives that build community resilience, bolster humanitarian assistance efforts, and enhance preparedness and response mechanisms for future disasters and pandemics. They will be placed at the forefront of healthcare innovations and disaster management strategies, shaping the future of public health in India and influencing the global discourse.

This Fellowship offers an exciting opportunity for the Fellow to drive transformational change at both national and international levels while being supported by UNF and CEEW's global networks. The Fellow will gain experience in policy-making, research, healthcare delivery systems, healthcare financing, and disaster risk reduction. They will also receive mentorship from experienced professionals from both organizations and other experts in the field.

Upon completing the two-year fellowship, the Fellow will have carved out an indelible footprint on public health in India and beyond. This fellowship constitutes a phenomenal platform for an emerging Indian professional to orchestrate consequential changes that stretch beyond national borders, rippling through the global community. Steering innovative projects, crafting efficient strategies to combat infectious diseases, mitigating disaster risks, and ensuring accessible healthcare for susceptible demographics, the Fellow stands to play an instrumental role in underpinning a healthier future for everyone.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. **Influence Global Cooperation:** Consider how India, as a young nation, can contribute to global cooperation and multilateral systems to address future global health challenges and disasters, with a special focus on young countries and young people in fragile and vulnerable contexts.
2. **Explore Challenges, Future Risks, and Solutions:** Delve into the complexities of building community resilience, bolstering humanitarian assistance efforts, and enhancing preparedness and response mechanisms for future disasters and pandemics.
3. **Engage in virtual, global, and regional events:** Champion the priorities and future needs of young people during influential policy gatherings. By doing so, you can raise awareness about health disparities in India and beyond, with a particular emphasis on underserved populations.
4. **Develop Networks:** Engage with government officials, international organizations, civil society groups, and research institutions to co-create solutions that benefit the broader public health community.
5. **Engage in UN Foundation Platforms:** Participate in the 2024 Big Brainstorm and 2024 Engine Room in preparation for the Summit of the Future, including designing and taking part in intergenerational dialogues about the Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the United Nations.
6. **Support a Flagship Publication:** Prepare a final publication on the Future of India, with initial findings shared at the 2024 Summit of the Future and a launch at the 2025 World Social Summit. This publication, a culmination of your work, will include a series of campaign actions and moments both during and after the launch.
7. **Personal Growth and Skills Development:** Utilize the tailored leadership and training program to support your personal growth and skills development.

In summary, the Next Generation India Fellows will gain first-hand experience in understanding and solving the world's most pressing challenges, providing a global platform to explore and champion an agenda for future generations. By drawing on the strength of youth leadership, the fellowship will serve as a powerful catalyst for positive change, not just in India, but on a global scale.

Qualifications

- Candidates should be based in India and under 30 at the time of applying.
- Academic or professional background in public health, medicine, health economics, health policy, or a related field.
- Demonstrated understanding of the global health landscape, health systems, health financing, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian assistance.
- Proven record of accomplishment in research, policy, or innovation in the field of health.
- Ability to synthesize complex information and translate it into clear, concise reports and presentations.
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills in English, particularly Hindi, would be advantageous.
- Demonstrated commitment to the principles of the UN and the goals of the Next Generation India Fellowship.
- Knowledge of the Indian social, cultural, and political context.
- Flexibility and willingness to dedicate one day per week over a two-year period to participate in the program actively.
- Willingness and availability to travel for the two global or regional events.

Application Process

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents:

- Updated curriculum vitae (CV)
- Cover letter highlighting relevant experience and skills (including links to previous work including but not limited to media engagements, research papers,...)
- Examples of previous work related to program management, sustainable development, or youth leadership
- Contact details of three professional references

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.