



INFLUENCING AND NETWORK ENGAGEMENT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
OCTOBER 2022-JUNE 2023 (PART-TIME)
ONLY CANDIDATES FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH WILL BE CONSIDERED

OVERVIEW

Global Fund for Children (GFC) partners to build a world where all youth are safe, strong, and valued. We pursue this mission by investing in innovative, locally led organizations, helping them deepen their impact and build their capacity for social change. To further advance and protect the rights of children and youth, GFC supports its partners to engage in grassroots advocacy initiatives to effect policy change from the local level. Since our founding nearly 25 years ago, GFC has invested nearly \$51 million in over 900 grassroots organization around the world. Our work advances the rights of children and youth across four focus areas: education; gender equity; youth empowerment; and freedom from violence and exploitation.

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GFC seeks an individual passionate about advocating for change in the global development system and experienced in building community to join our team as a remote part-time, short-term paid youth fellow. Your role comes at an important time as GFC deepens its influencing strategy to call for a more equitable funding system and strengthens engagement in a new online community for our grantee partners around the world.

As a fellow, you will support the generation and implementation of an influencing strategy co-created with our partners and youth leaders as GFC continues to be a part of [philanthropy's global re-imagination](#). Ideally, you know first-hand the challenges grassroots and young leaders face in navigating power dynamics in philanthropy and global development. Maybe you have experience applying for funding and completing grant reports? Or maybe you have had the opportunity to make decisions about funding? You may have heard about efforts to strengthen trust-based philanthropy, #shiftthepower, participatory grantmaking, and decolonization.

You will also be a lead community manager for our online community, Connection Lab (Co-Lab) on the Zoho Connect platform. Co-Lab is a new opportunity for GFC partners to connect and learn online, with greater access to opportunities for networking, training, funding, and advocacy. Your role will welcome new users and lead engagement strategies while creating a meaningful, inclusive, and safe space. You will help us learn and iterate as we go with this new resource.

For this role, GFC is prioritizing candidates from low- or middle-income countries and from marginalized communities.

FELLOWSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Influencing and Network Engagement Fellow will collaborate directly with GFC's Director of Innovation and Influencing in addition to other team members focused on learning, communications, and grantmaking.

Learning objectives include:

- Broaden knowledge about the needed changes in philanthropy and global development to resource community-led change, including emerging advocacy strategies
- Co-lead a participatory process to design a strategy, including practicing research, facilitation, writing, and presentation skills
- Deepen knowledge and practice of online engagement strategies
- Learn about safeguarding and digital security
- Expand network with community organizations, INGOs, and funders
- Learn more about trust-based philanthropy and capacity development through GFC's approach

Specific responsibilities include:

- Influencing:
 - Conduct research and mapping focused on identified change priorities
 - Coordinate and facilitate design sessions, with documentation and follow up
 - Support the launch of the strategy and next steps to engage the broader GFC team and key stakeholders
 - Create or support content for blogs and external articles
 - Support planning of upcoming webinars, conference sessions, and presentations
 - Participate in relevant sector webinars and workshops
 - Help identify, track, and pursue new opportunities
 - Capture key learnings and help foster an internal culture of learning and unlearning
- Online Community Engagement:
 - Coordinate and deliver new member orientations
 - Regularly develop and post engaging content
 - Build out platform's resource library
 - Identify and weave connections and opportunities among members
 - Track key metrics
 - Refine engagement approach and internal tools based on continual learning
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- Working proficiency in English with working proficiency in Spanish and/or French desired
- Currently living in or from the Global South, preferably from a low- or middle-income country
- Experience with online networking or community building platforms, including social media (e.g. Facebook or LinkedIn groups, Mighty Networks, Zoho Connect, etc.)
- Some strategy development and/or project management experience preferred
- Interest or passion in facilitation and/or writing to advocate for change
- Strong interpersonal and inter-cultural skills and the ability to interact with individuals from different backgrounds

- *Optional:* Current enrollment in a relevant degree-seeking program at the undergraduate or graduate level, such as Global Development, Political Science, Human Rights, Social Work, Social Entrepreneurship, or other related field

HOURS AND COMPENSATION

This is a paid part-time non-benefitted role. Fellow will receive a monthly stipend that will exceed statutory minimum wage requirements by location and based on skills/experience. The role requires a commitment of 20-25 hours per week from approximately October 2022 until June 2023.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, we kindly ask that you send us your **resume/CV** and include **your response to the two questions below**. You do not need to send a cover letter. Your response to both questions does not need to exceed more than half a page (250 words).

- 1) Why is advocating for more equitable funding and shifting power in philanthropy and global development important to you?**
- 2) What do you think is essential to nurture an online community?**

Please send these materials to careers@globalfundforchildren.org with “Influencing and Network Engagement Fellow” in the subject line. Selected applicants will be invited to interview on a rolling basis. Deadline to apply is Monday, September 12, 2022 with an anticipated start date in early October.

LOCATION: Remote, with access to your own computer and a reliable internet connection, with ability to overlap with work hours in eastern time zone of the US.

GFC is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We particularly encourage applications from diverse communities to apply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please visit GFC’s website www.globalfundforchildren.org