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[Admissions Open for the Young India Fellowship Class of 2014-2015](#)

The challenge is on once again to be part of India's most exciting post-graduate programme, the Young India Fellowship (YIF). Applications are open for YIF's Class of 2014 -2015, the fourth edition of the ground-breaking multi-disciplinary fellowship that is fostering India's academic, social and business leaders of tomorrow.

The Young India Fellowship (YIF) is a one-year multidisciplinary post-graduate programme which brings together a group of bright young men and women from across the country and diverse disciplines and trains them to become socially committed change agents for the future. It exposes them to a rich and diverse set of subjects and perspectives, delivered by some of the finest professors and teachers from India and around the world.

YIF is delivered in collaboration with University of Pennsylvania's School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS), Carleton College, a top liberal arts college in the U.S. and Sciences Po, the top University in Europe in the field of social sciences. The programme seeks to groom young dynamic leaders by helping them develop comprehensive understanding and problem solving skills to tackle problems that our world faces today. It helps the Fellows develop fresh perspectives through field work and exposure to a rich and diverse set of subjects, delivered by some of the finest professors and practitioners from around the world. The Young India Fellows also have the unique privilege of being mentored by eminent global leaders in various fields on their professional aspirations and personal development goals.

YIF offers full and partial scholarships to successful applicants. For the first time this year, an application fee of Rs.1000 will be charged. An application fee waiver is offered to applicants whose parent's combined annual income is Rs. 2 lakh or less.

Eligibility

The YIF programme is open to all Indian citizens* with:

- A recognised undergraduate or postgraduate degree
- No more than three years of work experience
- Applicants who are 28 years of age or less on 31st May, 2014

The Fellowship promotes diversity and applicants from all areas of specialisation are encouraged to apply. While applicants who have been educated in a vernacular language as their medium of instruction are welcome, it is expected that they will be able to converse, read and write in English.

*Applicants holding PIO/OCI cards are also welcome to apply.

For more information about YIF, visit <http://www.youngindiafellowship.com>

Click [here](#) to apply to the programme.

Admissions for the Class of 2015 opened on the 5th of September and will close on February 28th 2014. The admission process is split into two rounds:

Round 1
Admissions open on - 5th September 2013
Last date to submit application - 15th December 2013
In-person interview for Round 1 applicants - 20th December 2013 -28th Feb 2014
Final offers to 1st-round applicants - 1st Feb - 28th Feb 2014
Round 2
Admissions open on - 16th December 2013
Last date to submit application - 28th Feb 2014
In-person interview for Round 2 applicants- 5th March 2014 to 30th April 2014
Final offers to applicants interviewed for 2nd round - 15th April - 30th April 2014
Programme begins - 23rd June 2014

Some of the highlights of the programme include:

1. Partnership: YIF is run in collaboration with the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn), one of the seven top-ranked US Ivy League universities; Carleton College, one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the US and with the world-renowned French University, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris or "Sciences Po".

2. Unique Curriculum: The Fellowship offers breadth and perspective by imparting both skill-building and perspective-building courses by teaching subjects such as Sociology, Economics, Philosophy, Art, History, Literature, Business, Leadership, Group Dynamics, International Relations, Writing, Visual Communication and many more. The subjects are taught through lectures, case studies, projects and team assignments.

3. Faculty: The courses are taught by inspiring faculty from UPenn, Carleton College, Sciences Po and by some of India's best academicians. Some of our eminent Professors include Kenwyn Smith, Professor of Organisational Behaviour, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Andre Beteille, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, Delhi School of Economics; A.K. Shiva Kumar, Development Economist & Visiting Professor, Harvard University and Indian School of Business; Christophe Jaffrelot, Research Director, Centre nationale de recherche scientifique (CNRS) and Faculty, Sciences Po; Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Historian, Author & Opinion Editor, The Telegraph; Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission of India and National Advisory Council.

4. Mentorship: To guide the Fellows in their future endeavours, they are mentored by a group of the best academic, business and social leaders of our time. Some eminent mentors include Infosys chairman, NR Narayana Murthy; HDFC chairman, Deepak Parekh; former HUL chairman, Keki Dadiseth; Genpact founder, Pramod Bhasin; Naukri.com founder, Sanjeev Bikhchandani and McKinsey India Chairman, Adil Zainulbhai.

5. ELM: To complement coursework with real work experience, the Experiential Learning Module (ELM) is an 8-month-long part-time engagement with an organisation on live projects. Each project is taken up by a team of 3-4 Fellows and involves working closely with top management of the organisations with direct impact potential. Besides providing real work experience, the module is aimed to equip the students with the basic skills of building and working in diverse teams and to structure and solve critical business problems. Some of the ELM projects the Fellows have undertaken are Harley-Davidson India, British High Commission, Council for Energy, Environment & Water, HarVa, IDEA Cellular, Media for Change, Natural Justice, PRATHAM.

6. **Beyond YIF:** Some Young India Fellows have been offered admission to and are studying at some of the world's leading universities like Oxford University, LSE, Sciences Po, Central European University, Geneva Institute, Berlage Center for Advanced Studies in Architecture and Urban Design, Columbia University and the University of Chicago. Many have been placed at some of the top local and multi-national corporate houses in India like Amex, Cipla, Dua Consulting, GAIL, Genpact, Godrej, Hidesign, Pidilite and TCS. Some have decided to contribute in the not-for-profit, development and sustainability sectors like the World Bank, WWF, Amnesty International, National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), UN Sustainable Solutions Development Network, Samaj Pragati Sahayog and Pradan. A few Fellows have either set up new start-ups or have continued with their original ventures.

7. **Guest Lectures:** To facilitate learning beyond the classroom and allow for character and perspective building, Fellows attend guest lectures by global achievers and role models drawn from a range of sectors. Young India Fellows have been inspired by more than 130 eclectic and pre-eminent individuals like Madeleine K. Albright, Former Secretary of State, USA; Raghuram Rajan, Governor, RBI; Kaushik Basu, Chief Economist, World Bank and Professor of Economics, Cornell University; Ramachandra Guha, Historian, Writer & Columnist; Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI ; Ireena Vittal, Partner at McKinsey & Co; Pranoy Roy, Co-Chairman & Co-founder, NDTV and Robert Swan, Polar explorer and Environment leader.

8. **Scholarship:** YIF is a unique and highly selective programme wherein each Fellow is hand-picked as part of a pan-India search and is fully or partially funded. Apart from the full scholarships, YIF offers partial funding to successful applicants through Full Tuition and Half Tuition Scholarships.

9. **Ashoka University:** YIF is the precursor to Ashoka University, a long cherished dream of the founders to create a new standard in Indian higher education. Ashoka University will offer world-class liberal education through a four-year undergraduate programme. YIF will be its flagship Master's level programme.

This year the YIF will move to the proposed Ashoka University campus at Sonapat, Haryana in the Delhi NCR region where Young India Fellows will have the option to stay on for a 2nd year treating the Fellowship as the first year of a two-year Masters degree.

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