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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
POLICY

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

UNITE, the *Parliamentarians Network for Global Health*, is a **non-profit, non-partisan, global network of current and former Members of Parliament** from numerous multinational, national, state and regional Parliaments, Congresses and Senates. UNITE work towards the promotion of efficient and sustainable policies for improved global health systems, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The UNITE Fellowship Program intends to create a network of Fellows that support UNITE and its members work and mandate, by becoming crucial actors in the process of gathering and developing scientific evidence in a vast range of Global Health subtopics, with the aim of capacitating policymakers to develop well-sustained policies, as well as providing a scientific-based foundation to UNITE's political intervention.

During its pilot year, the UNITE Secretariat will be responsible for the coordination of the Fellowship Program.

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2. DURATION

The UNITE Fellowship Program will have its official start on the upcoming month of September, and will run as a pilot model until the month of May 2024.

3. APPLICANTS

The Fellowship Program will include both **Junior** and **Senior Fellows**. The main distinction between both of these categories is the level of relevant experience, which ultimately relates to the degree of education and/or the years of professional experiences. This being said, the expectations will be the same for all Fellows, as well as established deliverables and given opportunities.

As for the target profile of applicants, these are the main points to be taken into consideration:

All applicants

- Educational Degree in Health-related Areas, Political Sciences and/or International Relations
- Relevant experience with research i preferably
- Proficiency in English, both writing and speaking
- Relevant experience publishing Op-eds or other forms of articles
- Interest in positively contributing to improve people's lives
- Not a member of UNITE's former and current Parliamentarians network

JUNIOR FELLOW(S)

- Professional experience of up to 10 years

SENIOR FELLOW(S)

- Master's Degree and/or PhD would be a plus
- Professional experience for more than 10 years

There will be 5 openings for Junior Fellow and another 5 openings for Senior Fellow. UNITE will take into consideration an even regional distribution of vacancies, as a means to provide equal opportunities on a global level.

4. APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCEDURES

Applications for the UNITE Fellowship Program will open at the beginning of April, and close at the end of the same month.

In a first stage, applicants should submit their CVs and a Cover Letter, which will be reviewed by the UNITE Secretariat. A second selection stage will include an interview, in order to get to know the applicants.

Final results will be released until the end of the third week of May, via email, with information on the next steps to be taken by UNITE and/or by the new Fellow.

5. DELIVERABLES

As a UNITE Fellow, there will be certain deliverables that are expected to be accomplished, either in a continuous or punctual manner throughout the year, which aim to stimulate the Fellows' engagement with both the UNITE Secretariat and the network, to contribute towards their professional and personal development, and to positively improve the research being done by the Fellows.

The following points encompass, but are not limited to, a diversity of activities that will be developed during the first year of the UNITE Fellowship Program:

- Review of data and literature on specific global health topics, and further compilation in Scientific Research/Political Briefings, to be used by the network and/or the Secretariat;
- Gathering scientific evidence which can sustain and proof national policy proposals;
- Creation, monitoring and analysis of health-specific indicators, delivering relevant health-related metrics;
- Support in the development of focus groups, with the aim of construing country-specific profiles;
- Writing blogposts, op-eds and other articles to be published by UNITE;
- Moderation of sessions hosted by UNITE and/or a partner.

6. OPPORTUNITIES

UNITE also intends to provide meaningful and unique opportunities to the Fellows joining, as the only parliamentarian network with a mandate focused on Global Health. UNITE's members are championing varied health-related areas, and their knowledge and experience can have added-value in directing research being done in the matter.

Thus, UNITE aims at providing access to relevant sources of political grasp and recognition, and the Fellowship Program will deliver a number of opportunities to those deciding to join as Fellows:

- Experience working with a multidisciplinary, innovative and global team;
- Networking opportunities with Parliamentarians and policymakers from a global network;
- Proximity with institutions and health leaders from all over the world, which can further contribute to the research work done;
- Possibility of attending and/or moderating sessions with Parliamentarians, either in a UNITE and/or partner's event;
- Access to a best-practices sharing platform, with other Fellows;
- Access to unique educational opportunities provided by Academia partners.

7. EVALUATION

Fellows' performance and efforts will be evaluated on a deliverable's completion basis, which means that they are expected to deliver on all of the parameters mentioned on point 5 of the present policy, without being awarded a grade for it. To those fellows that do so, UNITE can accredit them a certificate of participation, at the end of their attendance in the program.

However, all Fellows are encouraged to make the most of the Fellowship Program, by actively engaging in all activities made available to them.

8. COLLABORATION WITH ACADEMIA

The Fellowship Program intends to be a catalyser for one of UNITE's main goals of the present year, which is to strengthen its collaboration with Academia, in what will be a unified strategy with UNITE's Regional Chapters, as well. This will be achieved through the establishment of close partnerships with relevant institutions gathering key actors in the academic world.

9. FELLOWS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Fellowship Program also aims to be a best-practice sharing platform for fellows, as a means of expanding their knowledge, to exponentiate their performance, and to possibly stimulate a collaboration between them, as well.

Throughout the duration of the program, punctual meeting moments, preferably virtually, are expected to take place, with the aim of gathering the fellows in relevant discussions, and presentation of their progresses.

Fellows can and should work together, by jointly exploring certain topics, or by questions and making suggestions to each other's research.

These moments of reunion should culminate, yearly, in the Fellows Annual Assembly. This assembly should take place in-person, every time possible, and prior or during the UNITE Global Summit.

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