



# DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP 2024

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THE GOVERNMENT!



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[www.daayitwa.org](http://www.daayitwa.org)

# FELLOWSHIP STEPS

1

**CALL FOR APPLICATION**

Applicants are short-listed

2

**INTERVIEW AND SELECTION**

Applicants are interviewed via Skype or phone and assessed

3

**SHORTLISTING AND PLACEMENT**

Applicants are shortlisted & placed in various government organizations or with parliamentarians

4

**LEADING POLICY INNOVATION COURSE**

Fellows partake in leadership, public administration and research sessions provided by experts

5

**RESEARCH MENTORSHIP**

Research mentorship is provided by PhD mentors from respective fields

6

**FELLOWSHIP ENGAGEMENT**

Fellows work with their respective government organizations/ parliamentarians

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**SYMPOSIUM**

Graduation ceremony where fellows share their research findings and experience



## Required Qualifications

- Masters or PhD in public policy, economics, business or any related thematic area mentioned below or a bachelors degree with research experience
- High academic achievement (GPA from an accredited university, course rigor)
- Nepali citizen or Non-resident Nepali (NRN)

**Fellows will have a chance to collaborate with governmental organizations /parliamentarians on policy research related to the following thematic areas:**

- Agricultural Development
- Economic Governance and Development
- Education Access and Enhancement
- Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development
- Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- Social Inclusion and Protection
- Environmental Sustainability
- Youth Employment and Engagement
- Innovation in Information and Communication Technology
- Policy Harmonization





**Government organizations** our fellows have collaborated with in the past include the following:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD)
- Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MoCIT)
- Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoFE)
- Ministry of Finance (MoF)
- Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies (MoICS)
- Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS)
- Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens (MoWCS)
- National Planning Commission (NPC)
- Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB)

In the past, our fellows have collaborated with prominent **parliamentarians** from the following parties as well as independent parliamentarians:

- Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) Maoist Center
- Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) Unified Marxist–Leninist (UML)
- Madheshi Janaadhikar Forum (MJF)
- Nepali Congress (NC)
- Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP)
- Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP)





# Why join Daayitwa Fellowship?

*Opportunities you can unveil through*

## DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP 2024



### Close-up engagement with Public Partners

Immense learning through rare and close-up engagement with public partners. In addition to this, Fellows are entitled to receive a monthly stipend of NRs. 25,000/-



### Leadership Course delivered by former Harvard Senior Fellow

Leadership course designed by Former Harvard Senior Fellow Dr. Pukar Malla in collaboration with Professors Marshall Ganz and Ronald Heifetz at Harvard Center for Public Leadership



### Analytical Skills and Project Management

Research Project Management Session (in 2023, by Dr. Juni Singh, Postdoctoral Researcher, California Institute of Technology)



### Research Mentorship

Provided by Ph.D. experts in the various fields covered by the Fellowship



### Sessions with Public Administration Experts

Public Administration course from experts in the field (in 2023, Dr. Pramod KC, Visiting Faculty, Kathmandu University School of Management)



### Improving Statistical Skills

Statistical Software Training (in 2023, by Ms. Samikshya Siwakoti, Data Analyst, Acumen)



### Networking Opportunities

Networking opportunities with various public, private and social stakeholders



### Research Training by Experts

Research training sessions provided by experts (in 2023, by Ms. Jenna Allard, MacMillan Center at Yale University)



### Symposium Graduation

A grand celebration to showcase and promote the research conducted and implemented by our Fellows



### Alumni Council

Induction into the DNPSF Alumni Council, a fraternity comprising our prior fellows, as well as a chance to be a member of the board

## PAST RESEARCH MENTORS



**Dr. Nisha Onta**  
Executive Director  
Governance Lab



**Dr. Chandan Sapkota**  
Consultant at Asian  
Development Bank



**Dr. Binayak Thapa**  
Assistant Professor of Development  
Studies  
Department of Development Studies  
Kathmandu University School of Arts



**Dr. Kalpana Khanal**  
Senior Research Fellow and  
Center Head  
Center for Economics and  
Infrastructure Policy Research



**Dr. Pratistha Gyawali**  
Senior Energy Economist/  
Researcher at ICF



**Dr. Tejesh Pradhan**  
Global Economics Specialist  
McKinsey & Company



**Dr. Juni Singh**  
Postdoctoral Researcher  
Caltech



**Dr. Khushbu Mishra**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Economics  
Stetson University



**Dr. Santosh Pathak**  
Ph.D. in Agricultural  
Economics  
Louisiana State University



**Dr. Jeeban Amgain**  
Executive Director  
Academy of Innovation for Economic  
Development



**Dr. Nanda Kaji Budathoki**  
Post Doctoral Research Fellow  
University of Queensland



**Dr. Pratiba Pandey**  
Founder and CEO  
Catalyst Technology Pvt. Ltd.

# OUR CAPACITY PARTNERS



## GOVERNANCE LAB

Governance Lab is a research organization that enables the government to make evidence-based policy decisions by conducting policy research, strengthening policy implementation capacity and fortifying research and governance ecosystems. In partnership with Inclusion Economics at Yale University and researchers at the London School of Economics, it seeks to understand how policy and development programming can support the objectives of inclusive political and economic growth in the context of Nepal's recent federal transition.

NEPAL  
LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY

## NEPAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

NLA is a non-profit organization that builds leadership capacity in change-agents so they can architect effective policy, business and civic innovations that tackle the most grueling adaptive challenges in the society. NLA conducts research, develops curricula, and provides in-practice leadership coaching. Utilizing a leadership framework, co-developed at Harvard Center for Public Leadership by the NLA Executive Coach, the courses underscore two key leadership theories - adaptive leadership and community organizing and four key leadership principles - listening to oneself, empathizing with others, analyzing adaptive issues and doing collaborative work.



## Nepal Academics in America (NACA)

The Nepali Academics in America (NACA) is a non-profit and non-partisan network established to enhance collaboration among academics and scholars affiliated with higher education and research institutions based in the United States of America and globally. As an independent professional network, its goal is to enhance the interests of academics and scholars focusing on Nepal for professional growth, collaboration, and high impact academic, research, and service initiatives in the United States, Nepal, and beyond.

# FAQs

## WHAT IS DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP?

The Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship is a program where young professionals collaborate with the government to conduct policy research and promote evidence-based policy decisions. The fellowship program competitively selects and places young professionals and students in public agencies for **3 months**, builds their technical and adaptive capacities and enables them to provide research support to their public partners.

## WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BE A DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOW?

The applicants are expected to have completed a bachelor's degree in public policy, international relations, economics, business or a related field with high academic achievement (accredited university, GPA, coursework rigor). Applicants must have research experience, preferably in the field of public policy analysis or implementation. Masters' or PhD candidates are preferred. The fellowship is open to Nepali citizens and Non-resident Nepali (NRN) only.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

In addition to the immense learning through a rare and close-up engagement with public partners, the fellows will receive a monthly stipend of **NPR 25,000** to support them during the program. The fellows also partake in a leadership course provided by Dr. Pukar Malla, former Senior Fellow at Harvard Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University, Public Administration course from experts in the field of public administration (in 2023, by Dr. Pramod KC, Visiting Faculty Member, Kathmandu University School of Management), Research training sessions provided by experts (in 2023, by Ms. Jenna Allard, MacMillan Center at Yale University), Statistical software training (in 2023, by Ms. Samikshya Siwakoti, Data Analyst, Acumen), Analytical skills and project management session (in 2023, by Dr. Jun Singh, Postdoctoral Researcher, California Institute of Technology), Intro to Qualitative Research Skills (in 2023, by Ms. Ayesha Islam, Master's in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School) along with mentorship provided by experts from respective fields.

## WHAT IS THE LOCATION AND DURATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

The fellowship program is a **full-time commitment** that will take place from **June 3, 2024, to September 3, 2024**. The fellows are expected to be available in **Nepal** throughout the program.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE APPLICATION?

The applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. The shortlisted applicants will move on to the interview round. The interviews are conducted in person, via Skype, or by phone. The selection process usually involves 2-3 rounds of interviews. This is the stage where the shortlisted candidates will have the opportunity to showcase their skills and qualifications and demonstrate their suitability for the fellowship program.



## FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

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YOUNG POLICY  
PROFESSIONALS

# 74

GOVERNMENT  
ORGANIZATIONS

# 1

## MISSION

EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING  
FOR AN ENTERPRISING NEPAL

# 32

COUNTRIES

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PARLIAMENTARIANS





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