



# DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP 2026

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## OUR PUBLIC PARTNERS

**Government organizations** our fellows have collaborated with include:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD)
- Ministry of Communication, Information, and Technology (MoCIT)
- Ministry of Finance (MoF)
- Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA)
- Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Supplies (MoICS)
- Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoFE)
- Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS)
- Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens (MoWCS)
- National Planning Commission (NPC)
- Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB)
- Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM)

Our fellows have also collaborated with independent parliamentarians, as well as prominent parliamentarians from the following political parties:

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

# FELLOWSHIP STEPS

<b>1</b>	<b>CALL FOR APPLICATION</b>	Applications Open for Public Policy Fellowship 2026
<b>2</b>	<b>INTERVIEW AND SELECTION</b>	Applicants are interviewed and assessed via ZOOM or Google Meet
<b>3</b>	<b>SHORTLISTING &amp; PLACEMENT</b>	Applicants are shortlisted & placed in various government organizations or with parliamentarians
<b>4</b>	<b>LEADING POLICY INNOVATION COURSE</b>	Fellows partake in leadership, public administration and research sessions provided by experts
<b>5</b>	<b>RESEARCH MENTORSHIP</b>	Research mentorship is provided by PhD mentors from respective fields
<b>6</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP ENGAGEMENT</b>	Fellows work with their respective government organizations/ parliamentarians
<b>7</b>	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b>	Graduation ceremony where fellows share their research findings and experience





## Required Qualifications:

- Masters or PhD in public policy, economics, development studies, law or any related field or a bachelors degree with research experience
- High academic achievement (GPA from an accredited university, course rigor)
- Nepali citizen or Non-resident Nepali (NRN)

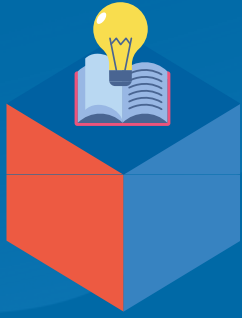




# Why join Daayitwa Fellowship?

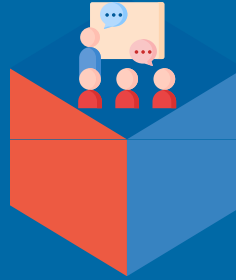
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## DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP 2026



### 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/-



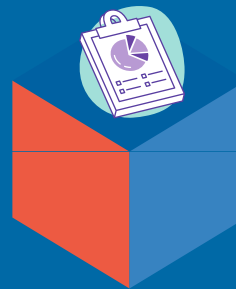
### Leadership Course delivered by former Harvard Senior Fellow

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 2025, by Dr. Juni Singh, Economist at the World Bank; Postdoctoral Researcher at California Institute of Technology)



### Research Mentorship

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



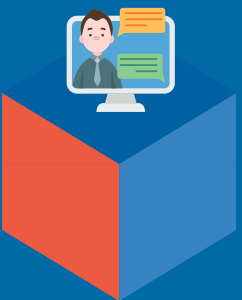
### Sessions with Public Administration Experts

Public Administration course from experts in the field (in 2025 by Mr. Madhu Marasini, Former Secretary, GoN & Dr. Pramod KC, Policy and Program Manager, KUSOM Policy Lab)



### Sessions on Translating Research Questions into Policy Recommendations

Training Sessions on Translating Research Questions into Policy Recommendations (in 2025, by Chandra Bhandari, Senior Research Manager, Inclusion Economics Nepal at Yale University)



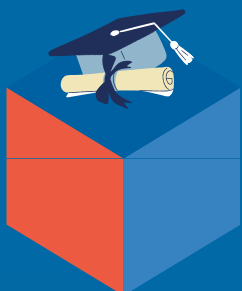
### Research Training by Experts

- Quantitative Methods Training Session (in 2025 by Ms. Jenna Allard, MacMillan Center at Yale University)
- Qualitative Methods Training Session (in 2025 led by Dr. Claire Willey Sthapit, University of Kansas)
- Mixed Methods Training Session (in 2025 led by Dr. Arati Maleku, Associate Professor, Ohio State University)



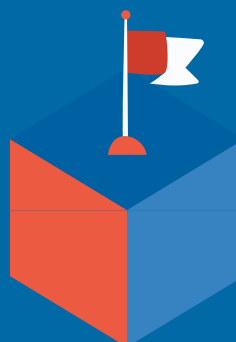
### Networking Opportunities

Networking opportunities with various public, private and social stakeholders



### Symposium Graduation

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



### Alumni Council

Induction into the DNPPF Alumni Council, a fraternity comprising our prior fellows, and a chance to be a member of the board

# FAQs

## **WHAT IS THE DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP?**

The Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF) is a transformative program designed to support young professionals and students to engage with Nepal's governance system. Fellows collaborate with government agencies and federal parliamentarians to conduct impactful policy research that promotes evidence-based policy and decision-making. Over three months, fellows receive rigorous training and mentorship while directly engaging with public partners that play direct roles in governance and policymaking in Nepal.

## **WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOW?**

Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree in fields such as public policy, international relations, economics, business, or related disciplines, with a strong academic track record (e.g., GPA, coursework rigor). Research experience, particularly in public policy analysis or implementation, is highly desirable. Master's or PhD candidates are preferred. The fellowship is open to Nepali citizens and Non-Resident Nepalis (NRNs) only.

## **WHAT BENEFITS DOES THE FELLOWSHIP OFFER?**

The fellowship provides:

- A monthly stipend of NPR 25,000 to support fellows during the program.
- A chance to participate in the Leading Policy Innovation (LPI) Course featuring leadership modules designed by Dr. Pukar Malla, former Harvard Senior Fellow; public administration and research training sessions conducted by experts from institutions such as Yale University, Arizona State University, and Kathmandu University; specialized sessions on quantitative, qualitative, and mixed research methods; and workshops on analytical skills, project management, and statistical tools.
- One-on-one mentorship from professionals in fields such as economics, education, agriculture, and information technology.
- Networking opportunities with public, private, and social sector stakeholders.

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

The fellowship is a full-time program taking place in Nepal from June 1, 2026, to September 1, 2026. The fellows are expected to be available in Nepal throughout the program.

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Shortlisted candidates will proceed to the interview phase, conducted in person, via ZOOM or by Google Meet. The selection process involves 2-3 interview rounds, during which candidates will demonstrate their skills, qualifications, and suitability for the program.

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## FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

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YOUNG POLICY  
PROFESSIONALS

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GOVERNMENT  
ORGANIZATIONS

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### MISSION

EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY ADVOCACY  
FOR AN ENTERPRISING NEPAL

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COUNTRIES

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PARLIAMENTARIANS





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