

GEEP FELLOWSHIP HANDBOOK 2026

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ABOUT THE GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION PROGRAM (GEEP)

The Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program accelerates rural enterprises for boosting employment and income growth in rural Nepal. GEEP is executed through a partnership among Daayitwa, provincial governments, local governments and the Nepali diaspora. GEEP's objectives are to accelerate growth-oriented rural enterprises, build state capability for effective policy implementation and foster stakeholder collaboration for governance innovation. GEEP is currently being implemented in 10 rural/municipalities of Gandaki, Koshi and Lumbini province.

ABOUT THE GEEP FELLOWSHIP

The GEEP Fellowship is a subnational fellowship designed to strengthen local entrepreneurship and employment ecosystems by embedding fellows within partner local governments and connecting them to local ecosystem stakeholders. This fellowship, implemented under the Daayitwa Nepal Public Administration Fellowship, places young professionals within 14 different local government offices of Gandaki, Koshi and Lumbini Province to contribute to entrepreneurship promotion and employment creation initiatives through research and program support. The fellows work closely with designated local government officials to support the design, review, and implementation of entrepreneurship and employment-related policies and programs.

The fellowship emphasizes practical learning and policy engagement by immersing fellows in municipal work such as data collection and compilation of local entrepreneurs, facilitation of entrepreneur dialogues, and systematic review of entrepreneurship and employment-related policies and programs. Through this process, the fellowship enhances local governance capacity while equipping fellows with substantive, hands-on experience in public sector policy and planning processes.



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Question

Answer

What is GEEP?

The Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Fellowship is a three-month, full-time fellowship that places young professionals within GEEP program municipalities to support entrepreneurship promotion and employment creation through research, policy support, and program implementation.

Where will fellows be placed?

Fellows will be placed in GEEP program municipalities for three months and assigned to relevant governments sections and divisions working on entrepreneurship, employment, or local economic development.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be aged 18-35 years, hold at least a Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline, be a resident of the respective local level, or demonstrate familiarity with the local context. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in entrepreneurship, local economic development, and public sector engagement.

Is the fellowship paid?

Yes, fellows will receive a monthly stipend of NPR 25,000 for the duration of the fellowship.

What skills or competencies are expected from fellows?

Applicants should demonstrate basic research and data collection skills, the ability to effectively engage with entrepreneurs and municipal officials, strong communication and coordination skills, and interest in policy analysis, local planning, and entrepreneurship ecosystems.

How do I apply?

Interested applicants may apply through the online application form. Applicants are advised to ensure that all required information and documents are submitted before the deadline.

What happens after I submit my application?

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Shortlisted candidates will proceed to the interview phase, conducted via Zoom/Meet or phone. 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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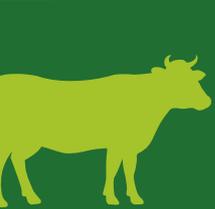
GEEP Fellowship Objectives

- Promote Youth Leadership in Entrepreneurial Ecosystems
- Strengthen Local Government Policy and Program Effectiveness
- Foster Collaboration and Ecosystem Building
- Support Entrepreneurship Data Collection & Database Management at Local Governments

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Key Areas of Fellowship Engagement

- Policy and Program Review
- Multistakeholder Policy Dialogue and Community Consultation
- Data Collection and Database Management
- Knowledge Dissemination





ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

01.

Youth aged 18–35 with interest in entrepreneurship, local economic development, and public sector engagement.

02.

Minimum Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Economics, Entrepreneurship Development, Community Development, Agriculture, Development Studies, Social Sciences, or related discipline relevant to local governance and enterprise promotion.

03.

Basic understanding of business development, entrepreneurship ecosystems, policy processes, leadership, or community development.

04.

Skills in research, data collection, documentation, and report writing, and ability to engage with entrepreneurs and municipal stakeholders.

05.

Strong communication and coordination skills; ability to work in a municipal and multi-stakeholder environment.

For more information visit our website



<https://bit.ly/GEEPProgram>



PLACEMENT LOCATIONS:

The GEEP Fellowship's placement across 14 partner local governments in three provinces gives young graduates real-world exposure to Nepal's diverse entrepreneurship, employment, and local governance contexts. Working in these municipalities helps fellows build practical skills in stakeholder engagement, data collection, and policy dialogue while learning directly from municipal systems and local entrepreneurs. This field-based experience strengthens early-career

GEEP FELLOWSHIP PROVINCES

■ Gandaki Pradesh ■ Koshi Pradesh ■ Lumbini Pradesh



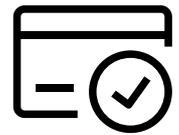


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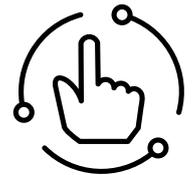
Opportunity to work directly with local governments to promote entrepreneurship and employment!

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

Monthly stipend NPR 25,000.



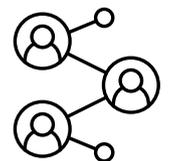
Hands-on experience in local governance and entrepreneurship ecosystem.



Structured training in leadership, research and public policy formulation process.



Networking with entrepreneurs, municipal leaders, and Daayitwa Fellowship Alumni Council.



Opportunity to create an impact in municipal annual policy and programs through evidence-based policy recommendations.



FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURE

The fellowship is structured around three connected components

1

Placement-Based Learning

Fellows are placed in partner local governments to understand local policies, program formulation, and implementation; engage with municipal leaders and staff on entrepreneurship & employment policies and programs; and support evidence-based local planning and decision-making relevant to the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

2

Mentorship and Supervision

Fellows receive guidance from officials and experts to align work with local priorities and ensure quality through day-to-day supervision from the local government office, & technical training, mentorship and coordination through the Daayitwa Office.

3

Leadership Development and Knowledge Sharing

Fellows strengthen leadership skills by participating in adaptive leadership trainings and engaging with entrepreneurs, communities, officials, trainers, and the program team to apply relevant skills; facilitating policy dialogues (*Udhyam Sambad*) and community consultations; and leading research, data collection, analysis, and database management of entrepreneurship ecosystems.



FELLOWSHIP STEPS

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Applications Open for Public Policy Fellowship 2026

1

INTERVIEW AND SELECTION

Applicants are interviewed and assessed via ZOOM or Google Meet

2

3

SHORTLISTING & PLACEMENT

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

4

LEADERSHIP TRAININGS

Partake in training modules on adaptive leadership & practise relevant skills through community and stakeholder engagement

5

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

Research mentorship is provided by PhD mentors from respective fields

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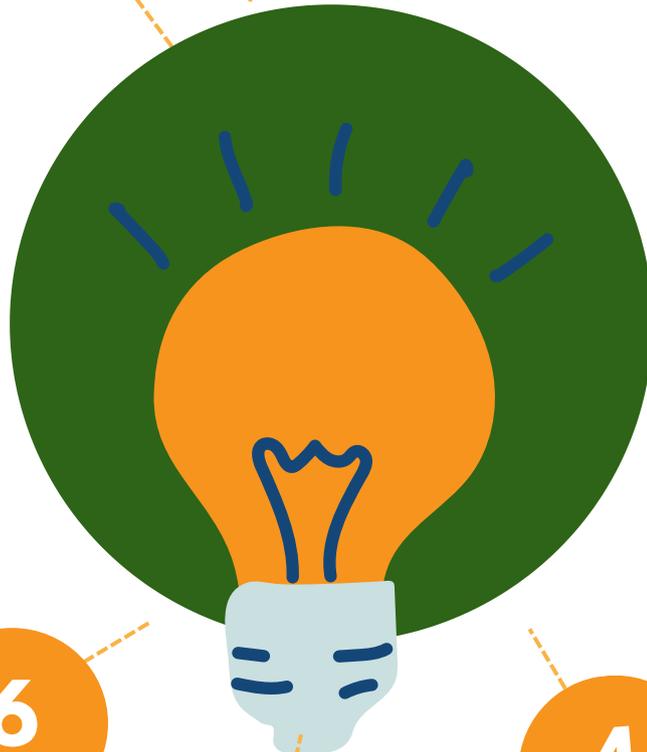
FELLOWSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Fellows work with their respective government organizations/ parliamentarians

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SYMPOSIUM

Graduation ceremony where fellows share their research findings and experience





DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP (DNPPF)

Core Focus: Policies, planning and governance at provincial level

Partner Government: Federal Level

Key Engagement: Public Policy Research working with federal ministries, constitutional bodies and federal parliamentarians.



CHIEF MINISTER PUBLIC GOVERNANCE FELLOWSHIP (CMPGF)

Core Focus: Public policy and governance at federal level

Partner Government: Provincial Level

Key Engagement: Policy research and community engagement working with Provincial Policy and Planning Commission and line ministries of provincial government.



FELLOWSHIP TYPE

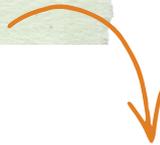


GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION (GEEP) FELLOWSHIP

Core Focus: Entrepreneurship and employment ecosystem at subnational level

Partner Government: Subnational Level (Provincial + Local)

Key Engagement: Entrepreneurship and employment ecosystem research and program working with GEEP program municipalities





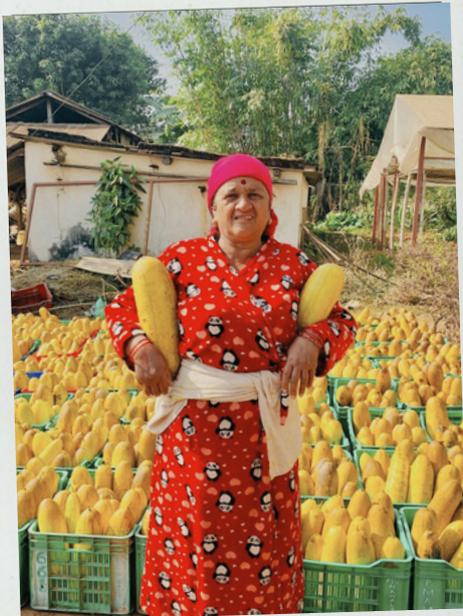
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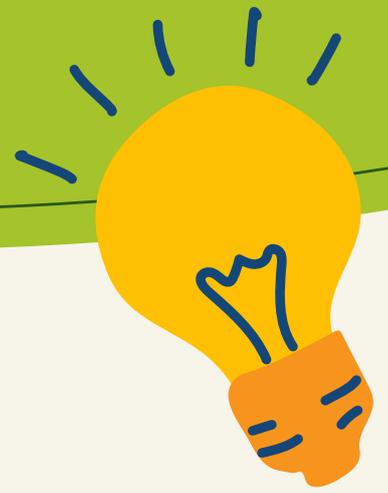


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