



Global Dialogue Partner



Position Description

Term Dates: February 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

What is the Global Dialogue Fellowship Program?

NAFSA's Global Dialogue Fellowship program, launched in 2014, seeks to assist university leaders in several sub-Saharan African countries to help increase their institution's international education capacity and bring their expertise to university leaders in the United States. The program is designed to support academic leaders and faculty members in developing new and deeper international opportunities for students, scholars, faculty, and exchange visitors at their home institutions, and to create new channels of dialogue with academic leaders from around the world. The 2020 NAFSA Global Dialogue Fellowship Program will provide support to five African higher education professionals who are working to provide greater access to international study and research for their institution; to increase international competence among their students, faculty members, and administrators; and to strengthen institutional relationships with higher education institutions in other countries.

The program pairs each Global Dialogue Fellow with a U.S.-based mentor (Global Dialogue Partner) for on-going conversation and provides support for each fellow to attend two consecutive NAFSA annual conferences in the United States. In turn, the fellows, help representatives of potential partner institutions in other countries better understand African higher education and consider new partnerships in Africa.

Role of Global Dialogue Partners

Global Dialogue Partners are professionals from U.S. higher education institutions. They assist international educators from Africa to help their institutions build capacity in international education. The partners maintain a professional relationship with a Global Dialogue Fellow for a minimum of two years, helping the Fellow expand his or her knowledge of model practices in international education development and management and his or her network of contacts at higher education institutions outside of Africa.

Program Benefits

Volunteering to be a Global Dialogue Partner, you will gain the opportunity to:

- Further your professional development,
- Connect with African colleagues,
- Expand institutional connections with and outreach to African higher education institutions,
- Network with peers from the United States,
- Receive complimentary registration for the 2019 and 2020 NAFSA Annual Conferences.

Program Responsibilities

- Provide insights and tips for an assigned Global Dialogue Fellow from Africa regarding international programs model practice and the development of successful institutional partnerships for international education;
- Acquaint their fellow with resources to support capacity building in international education;
- Identify useful connections between their fellow and international educators at higher education institutions in other world regions and make introductions virtually or in person at the NAFSA annual conferences;
- Participate in group conference calls with other Global Dialogue Partners and fellows and one-on-one calls with their assigned fellow;
- Respond to questions from their fellow regarding international higher education partnerships and direct the fellow to resources or colleagues as needed;
- Advise their fellow on workshop and session selection at the 2019 and 2020 NAFSA annual conferences;
- Attend the 2019 and 2020 NAFSA annual conferences and participate in a facilitated pre-conference group workshop with all fellows and partners to share information about programs and plan for a successful conference experience and year-round collaboration, as well as attend an end-of conference closing meeting. Travel and accommodations before, during, or after the conference are not covered.
- Provide ideas to their fellow in developing an action plan for increased international education activity following completion of the fellowship;
- Help their fellow navigate the world of NAFSA.

Time Commitment

The position begins in February 2019 and ends in December, 2020, a 2-year term. On average, 3 hours per month will be needed to participate as a Global Dialogue Partner, which includes the following:

- Early February 2019: Group conference call for Global Dialogue Partners;
- February-May 2019: Individual conference calls between Global Dialogue partners and their assigned fellows;
- May 27-31, 2019: Attend the 2019 NAFSA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, including:
 - Pre-conference workshop for Global Dialogue Fellows and Partners on Monday, May 27, 2019
 - Closing meeting for Global Dialogue Fellows and Partners on Friday, May 31, 2019
 - Individual meetings throughout the conference week with their respective fellows
- May 25-29, 2020: Attend the 2020 NAFSA Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, including:
 - Pre-conference workshop for Global Dialogue Fellows and Partners on Monday, May 25, 2020
 - Closing meeting for Global Dialogue Fellows and Partners on Friday, May 29, 2020
 - Individual meetings throughout the conference week with their respective fellows
- Regular phone calls and/or email communication with their assigned fellows throughout the program term.
- NAFSA staff coordinates the Global Dialogue Fellowship Program and provides support as needed or requested by Global Dialogue Partners.

Required Qualifications

- Demonstrated engagement/interest in African higher education.
- Six or more years of experience as a faculty member engaged in international education or as a director or senior administrator in international education.
- Experience in building institutional partnerships with higher education institutions outside the United States.
- A strong network in international education.
- Willingness and availability to partner with a fellow over the full two-year program.
- Strong interpersonal skills, including listening and advising, and the ability to help fellows identify, refine, and achieve learning goals and action items.
- Approval from your institution to participate in all required program events.
- Current NAFSA membership throughout two-year term of service.

Desired Qualifications

- Experience in study, research, or institutional partnership building in Africa.
- Service in a NAFSA leadership position.

How to Apply

If you are interested in serving as a Global Dialogue Partner, please send the following documents to GlobalFellows@nafsa.org by **November 30, 2018**:

1. A letter of interest that addresses the following questions:
 - What experience do you have with African higher education institutions and/or African educators?
 - What experience do you have developing international partnerships?
 - What professional networks and resources might you share with a Global Dialogue Fellow?
 - How will being a Global Dialogue Partner benefit you and/or your institution?
 - Please confirm that you will be able to attend the 2019 and 2020 NAFSA Annual Conferences held on May 27-31, 2019 (Washington, DC) and May 25-29, 2020 (St. Louis, Missouri).
2. A résumé or curriculum vitae