



PACIGF 2023, Brisbane - Hybrid FELLOWSHIP Application Guideline

Theme: “Is the Pacific ready to tackle the challenges of an evolving internet – exploring AI and emerging technologies, cybersecurity, privacy, digital trust and internet regulations?”.

Fellowship opens: 3rd June closes on 23rd June 2023.

Notification of successful applicants: On or before 7th July

The aim of the PacIGF 2023 Fellowship program is to bring diversity into the Internet Governance community by fostering the participation of the Pacific region in the Internet Governance discussions. The program seeks to support Pacific members of the community who are interested in participating or who are working in roles that promote the development and strengthening of a better internet.

Through the program, the fellows can understand local issues and developments in the Pacific region and seek to provide impartial advice to governments and the public on internet related matters that are relevant to Pacific Island people.

The fellowship program will provide the selected fellows with the opportunity to meet and interact with noted leaders and experts in the Internet Governance arena with the Asia Pacific Region.

Fellowships will support the in-person participation of successful applicants to the PacIGF 2023. Throughout the program fellows will have the chance to

- Learn more about PacIGF and the services offered by the Chapter.
- Participate in the various other interaction spaces available during the PacIGF and APrIGF platforms.
- Leverage PICISOC face-to-face event as an opportunity to exchange information and network with industry professionals with similar interests.
- Gain an in-depth understanding of the emerging technologies, cybersecurity, privacy and internet regulations process in the Pacific context and how to help out to mitigate risks.
- Contribute to the creation of synergies between different actors that will lead to the creation of working groups on issues of common interests.

Requirements for Selected Fellows (Must Read)

Vaccination

All in-person Fellows are required to be fully vaccinated before arrival. Once you have accepted the Fellowship offer, you will be asked to submit proof of full vaccination before the trip. Failure to provide proof of vaccination will void the offer.

Travel Insurance

All in-person Fellows are required to purchase travel insurance which covers a certain level of Covid-19 related costs for their trip at their own expense before arriving in Australia. Once you have accepted the offer to be an onsite Fellow, you shall purchase travel insurance and update the secretariat by email. Failure to obtain travel insurance will not be granted sponsorship for flights and accommodation.

Insurer

Product Name & Application Page

E.g. Zurich Insurance

XX Plan, P.Y

Passport & Visa

Please check that you have a valid passport until the end of the trip, and whether you will require a valid visa to enter Australia. Selected fellows traveling to Australia shall apply for visa (if necessary) at their own expense. We will be happy to assist in case you need any supporting documents for the application.

[Immigration & Checkpoints Authority – Visa Requirements](#)

We recommend that you make use of this tool to check the latest Covid restrictions particularly for your trip: [International SOS – COVID Trip Planner](#)

Evaluation Criteria Priorities

Nationality & City of Residence

- Eligibility – open to Pacific individuals who reside in the Pacific Region.
- Does the country which the applicant represents contribute to the diversity of countries?
- How many participants from the country have attended past conferences or have been fellows?

Engagement

- Has the applicant engaged in any Pacific IGF or IGF initiatives before? If so, please provide details of engagement. Engagement in the community increases the chance of an applicant receiving a Fellowship.
- Does the applicant have a clear plan/vision for community engagement or other contribution to Pacific IGF, after the conference?

Contribution to Diversity

- Is the applicant's plan likely to help with the equal participation of women and gender diverse communities at both regional and local levels?
- Is the applicant's plan likely to enhance the multistakeholderism concept?

Engagement Requirements of Fellows

Pre-Conference

- Attend online introductory course(s) on Internet Governance as designated.
- Attend the pre-conference preparation webinar for Fellows.
- Join the 2023 Fellows mailing list discussions.
- Coordinate with the assigned buddy group and attend group coordination calls.
- Make use of your social media presence to promote the event, sessions and activities, by actively creating and sharing posts online.

During Conference

- Participate in the capacity building sessions on Day 0.
- Coordinate within the assigned buddy group and attend at least 80% of all sessions during the 2-day main conference.
- Attend Fellows-mentors meet-up sessions and report to the mentor about the sessions they have attended.
- Join in various activities with the assistance of mentors/Fellowship Committee. For example (but not limited to):
- Coordinate and work among the buddy group to provide a summary report in a dedicated session on Day 2.
- Attend the briefing session on Day 1.
- Help promote Pacific IGF! For example, live tweet the event to increase engagement and draw attention to Pacific IGF in real time; create posts/ blogs/ videos to share your learnings and opinions after attending sessions, etc.

Post Conference

- Submit a brief report to PICISOC
- Share your key takeaways or the issues highlighted from Pacific IGF in any popular format, e.g. blog post, video log, recording, etc.
- Share it online with your community and send a link to the PICISOC within 2 weeks after the conference.
- Complete a fellowship feedback survey within the specified deadline.
- Participate in the post-conference buddy group call to review the program experience.
- Engage in local community development initiatives.
- Upon return, assist the PacIGF committee by advocating for IG through various activities and prepare potential candidates for fellowship opportunities in future through mentorship programs.
- Fellowship support: Selected Fellows will be granted an amount subject to final confirmation. Transfer will be made to Fellows after the conference when they have fulfilled the engagement requirements.

Scope

PICISOC will provide successful applicants the following benefits:

- **Accommodation** (Fellow maybe expected to share a room with another fellow.) *Any additional hotel expenses (e.g., phone calls, room service, laundry, massages, movies, etc.) will be the responsibility of the Fellow. Bear in mind that hotels may request a credit card guarantee or cash deposit for additional expenses.*
- **Return economy class ticket** from their place of residence to Brisbane, Australia. *PICISOC will **not** be responsible for airport transfers, airport taxes, or visa expenses. Obtaining any required visas and complying with other requirements such as mandatory vaccination, certificates of negative COVID-19 test results, travel insurance, and any other documentation required to travel to the event location will be the applicant's sole responsibility.*
- **Stipend of 200 Australian dollars** will be paid to the participant onsite at the forum.

Please send your application email to: pacigffellowship@gmail.com

If you need more information about the event, please contact pacigffellowship@gmail.com