Pollinate Group is committed to supporting the next generation of socially-minded entrepreneurs and global leaders.

Our Student Fellowship Program brings you to experience fieldwork from the grassroots of India and Nepal and is designed for students and recent graduates from around the world to gain experience in an award-winning social enterprise.

With the situation under the COVID-19 Pandemic quite under control, we have started Fellows in India and Nepal. We are determined to continue sharing our knowledge and skills in micro-entrepreneurship, women empowerment programs, sustainable energy, and poverty reduction with the young and emerging change makers.

“The Fellowship is a ‘must do’ for anyone even remotely curious about changing the world for the better. I learnt more about India, poverty, social business and myself during the four week program than I have in the last two years!”

Holly Hyder, Masters of Energy Studies, University of Melbourne

Expect to be challenged and to grow

Take a problem and break it down as a group to develop, test, and implement solutions.

Adopt a rapid prototype approach to create ideas to real life business challenge that Pollinate Group is tackling.

You will complete modules that introduce you to social entrepreneurship, last-mile distribution, human-centred design, intercultural practice and the challenges that people experiencing poverty face every day, and the solutions available to alleviate these pressures.
Key outcomes for students

Professional and personal development with social business leaders

Fellows have unique access to operations and strategic projects in the India and Nepal businesses. They’ll be supported by an award-winning team with tailored sessions and panels with experts to further their personal and professional development.

Gain a competitive edge

Fellows learn to co-manage economic, social and environmental business performance through practical and intensive experiences, and differentiate themselves with experience working in a challenging and fast paced environment, delivering projects to help solve complex problems.

Create meaningful impact

Participants will create, test and evaluate initiatives that have a direct impact on the welfare of people living in underserved communities. Pollinate is adapting our model to the new COVID-normal, and the Fellowship program presents Fellows with the opportunity to witness this transition first hand whilst positively contributing to our work.

Students will join more than 800 of our amazing global Fellowship Alumni who apply their skills in public, private, entrepreneurship and non-profit sectors.

Fellows directly contribute to our 2025 goals to:
- Train over 10,000 women
- Reach 10 million + people
- Enable entrepreneurs to sell 1.5M Products

At a glance you will be...

- Part of a high performing group of 10 to 12 participants
- Working in teams of 3 to 4 on strategic projects
- Joining people from diverse areas of study
- Collaborating across cultures with your peers and our team
- Engaging with a range of textual, multimedia and case-study resources
“I absolutely loved all the mindset workshops that allowed us to go deeper within and reflect on our progress throughout the three weeks. I also really enjoyed interacting with local fellows and being able to do such raw and valuable field work. This experience has motivated me to start my own social business with a strong focus on sustainability.”

-Thalia Ross, Bachelor of Environmental Science, University of the Sunshine Coast

“It’s difficult to summarise the immense learning and growth I’ve experienced over the past three weeks, and how much this program has motivated me to continue creating positive social impact in this world. It’s unbelievable how much we achieved on our program and I’m so excited to spread my experiences with others!”

Nelson Long - Bachelor of Science in IT, University of Technology Sydney (UTS)
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Participants will also collaborate in a rapid innovation process, ideating a new solution to a real-life business challenge that Pollinate Group is tackling or helping us integrate a new initiative into our model. Through this process, participants will directly contribute to Pollinate's capacity to create a sustainable and long-term impact.

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**Program Fees - A$2000**

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**What's included in the price?**

Included in the program fee are the following:

- Program facilitation
- Course resources
- 1-on-1 mentorship & impact career session with Pollinate Senior leaders
- All accommodation
- Two meals covered per day
- Employment reference letter & LinkedIn reference from Program leaders
Program intakes and application

Applications are opening soon for the Digital Fellowship Program in India and Nepal from 2023.

There are limited positions for our Student Fellowship Program, and we seek participants who are driven by a sense of purpose and want to contribute their time and knowledge to create an impact. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible!

Contact us

We're here to help you prepare for your amazing experience and answer any questions

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