

## Become a TU Delft | Global Initiative Fellow

Are you in the first two years of your PhD? Is your research focused on finding a solution for a problem faced by people/communities in low-resource settings in Low-and-Middle-Income-Countries (LMICs) in primarily Sub-Saharan Africa or South(east) Asia? Then you might be eligible to become a [TU Delft | Global Initiative](#) Fellow\*!

### What (and who) is a Delft Global Fellow?

Delft Global Fellows are ambitious PhD-students doing research that contributes to the development of sustainable and affordable solutions for societal challenges in LMICs. Delft Global Fellows work closely together with partners in these countries to ensure that solutions developed at TU Delft are applicable for the end users and make local impact. Delft Global Fellows thus also aim for transfer and exchange of knowledge to ensure local survival of the developed solutions and to increase their own understanding of local needs and existing solutions and knowledge.

#### “Purpose over papers”

Inherent to the research done by Delft Global Fellows is their personal motivation to make a difference. Delft Global Fellows are keenly aware of societal challenges posed by underdevelopment and have a wish to create a meaningful positive impact. They are also open to addressing intercultural challenges that arise in their research, as well as embracing and learning from other cultures beyond mere academic performance.

### Why become a Delft Global Fellow?

By becoming a Delft Global Fellow you will not only become part of the Delft Global community of over 250 researcher and 400 students, you will also receive many other benefits.

#### As Delft Global Fellow you will have access to:

- Delft Global lunch meetings and other Delft Global events;  
*The Delft Global Initiative hosts a monthly lunch meeting in which staff, students, and others in the community present their work and can have rich discussions and receive feedback on their research from peers.*
- A Quarterly Meeting with other Delft Global Fellows who are facing similar (research) challenges;  
*This meeting is meant as a platform for Delft Global Fellows to support each other, discuss project progression and evolution, and give feedback on the Delft Global Initiative and its activities.*
- Possible Graduate School credits for fieldwork and other Delft Global-related activities;
- The extended Delft Global network with contacts both within and outside of the TU Delft;
- The possibility of reaching a broad audience by getting a story on our [“Story Page;”](#)
- Delft Global | Staff Exchange Fund of maximum €2500 for either field research or inviting incoming research contacts/partners to TU Delft (if the application fits the criteria);
- Social media promotion and communication advice and support from the Delft Global team;
- Research and funding support from Delft Global team and Valorisation Centre;
- Easy access to students interested in participating in Delft Global-related projects.

## Who are we looking for?

- You are enrolled as a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> -year PhD student at TU Delft;
- You are doing research in/for LMICs (primarily Sub-Saharan Africa or South(east) Asia);
- Your research is carried out in close cooperation and interaction with partners in the these countries;
- You are committed to contributing to the TU Delft | Global Initiative community and to working together with other Delft Global Fellows and community members. This means you:
  - o Attend the monthly Delft Global lunch meetings;
  - o Are willing to give a “Fellow Update” pitch presentation during one of the Delft Global lunch meetings;
  - o Actively participate in the Delft Global Fellows “Quarterly Meetings;”
  - o Are willing to act as a Delft Global ambassador within and outside TU Delft.

## How to apply

You can apply to become a Delft Global Fellow by sending a motivation letter and support letter from your promotor to [delftglobal@tudelft.nl](mailto:delftglobal@tudelft.nl).

- Motivation Letter (max 1 page).  
In your motivation letter, you should include:
  - o why you wish to become a Delft Global Fellow;
  - o what your PhD research is about;
  - o who your local partners are and how you collaborate with them;
  - o how your research relates to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#);
  - o Please also describe how your research relates to one (or more) of the [Delft Global research programmes](#).
- Support Letter  
Your promotor should support your decision to apply as a Delft Global Fellow. Please ask him/her to write a support letter showing why they think you are a good candidate.

If you are deemed eligible to become a Delft Global Fellow, you will be invited to an interview to further discuss your application and become better acquainted with the TU Delft | Global Initiative.

## About the TU Delft | Global Initiative

Scientists from Delft University of Technology use their expertise to find concrete solutions for worldwide problems, in close cooperation with local partners. TU Delft | Global Initiative is their portal, platform and booster of Science and Technology for Global Development. Delft Global has six research programmes which are primarily focussed on research in Sub-Saharan Africa and South(east) Asia. For more information about our research and activities, please visit our [Stories Page](#).

*\*The salaries of the first 20 Delft Global Fellows were funded by the TU Delft Executive Board and the departments that the Fellows do research in. Starting in 2019, we are inviting PhD students with a similar profile, but funded via different sources, to become Delft Global Fellows as well.*