



INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE FELLOWS ALLIANCE

2010–2011

“Too often the nightly news is flooded with images of young people killing themselves and others to the soundtrack of prayer. At IFYC we are cultivating a generation of interfaith leaders who are inspired by their own religious and philosophical beliefs to fight for justice in their communities and build bridges across faith traditions.”

- Dr. Eboo Patel, Founder & Executive Director of Interfaith Youth Core

The time is right for college students to lead the movement for religious pluralism. Individual student leaders from diverse religious and philosophical traditions are the vanguard for change not only on their campuses, but in their communities and in our broader society.

INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE FELLOWS ALLIANCE identifies, trains, and mentors a select group of America’s finest college students to advance interfaith cooperation and build religious pluralism on their college campuses and beyond. Fellows Alliance was initiated in 2007 to equip aspiring young interfaith leaders with the leadership skills to make a lasting impact on their campus.

The rigorous one-year interfaith leadership program engages Fellows in organizing interfaith community service activities on their campuses combined with weekly blogging, participating and leading monthly conference calls with featured interfaith speakers, and two comprehensive leadership training sessions held in Chicago in August 2010, and April 2011.

The one-year program begins at the start of the 2010 academic year and ends in May 2011. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$2,500 and an additional \$500 to cover on-campus programming costs. This unique opportunity to work with IFYC staff mentors and a network of national and international leaders in the interfaith movement, and to have access to media opportunities, distinguishes Fellows Alliance as the premier interfaith leadership training program in the nation. Fellows Alliance alumni are consistently found in interfaith leadership positions, both nationally and internationally. We welcome your application to the Interfaith Youth Core Fellows Alliance and wish you good luck in the selection process.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

All undergraduate college/university student leaders from diverse religious and philosophical traditions, who are committed to interfaith action on their campuses, are encouraged to apply regardless of academic major or experience. To be eligible for consideration as a candidate, individuals must meet the following requirements at the beginning of the program in August 2010:

- **Applicants must be current undergraduates in a college/university in the U.S.**
- **Applicants must have completed at least two semesters at their college/university and expect to return to their university full-time during the program year.**
- **Applicants must be prepared to participate in all programs and activities associated with the Fellowship for one academic year.**

All application materials must reach the IFYC office by **Monday, March 15th, 2010**. You can submit your application by email to faapplication@ifyc.org or by mail to:

Fellows Alliance Application
Attn: Abhishek Raman
Interfaith Youth Core
910 W. Van Buren St., 4th Floor
Chicago, IL 60607

Applicants will receive an email notification on the status of their application once it is complete. Those selected as finalists will be contacted for a phone interview on a rolling basis. Decisions will be finalized in April.

For more information, please visit our website at: <http://ifyc.org/fellows>



PART I: APPLICANT SUMMARY

NAME: Mr. / Ms. First _____ Last _____ M I _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PERMANENT TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____ **Email:** _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____ **Email:** _____

EDUCATION: List institution(s) currently and previously attended, starting with most recent:

INSTITUTION(S)	DATES ATTENDED (FROM/TO)	MAJOR/MINOR	DEGREE	DATE EXPECTED

GENDER: _____

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (OPTIONAL/IF APPLICABLE): _____

DENOMINATION/FAITH BACKGROUND WITHIN YOUR RELIGIOUS GROUP (OPTIONAL/IF APPLICABLE): _____

Date of Birth (OPTIONAL): ____ / ____ / ____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM? _____



PART II: SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT

Submit an official transcript from all colleges/universities attended, reflecting the most recent semester's work. The transcript should be in a signed and sealed envelope from the Registrar and mailed to the following address:

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PART III: ATTACH RÉSUMÉ

You are required to include a current résumé with your application. Please be sure that this résumé accurately reflects your work/internship experience (paid and unpaid) and any college/university or community activities in which you have been involved. Include the name of all organizations, the title of your position and the dates of participation.

PART IV: ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essays must be typed and have your name on each page.

1. Personal Statement

In an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, please describe your reasons for applying to the Fellows Alliance. Why do you think interfaith leadership is necessary for your campus community and the greater world? The objective of this essay is to provide the selection committee with a better understanding of you and your interest in interfaith cooperation. You may want to draw upon past opportunities of leadership, community service, interfaith work, etc. that have significantly inspired you to take action.

2. Short Essay Questions:

- In about 350–500 words, identify an individual whom you admire for his/her ability to build bridges across religious traditions. How do his/her efforts inspire you?
- In about 350–500 words, describe your experience leading an event, group, or campaign. How will this experience contribute toward your role as a Fellow?
- In about 350–500 words, share any additional information you would like the selection committee to know about you.



PART V: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the **two** persons from whom you have solicited recommendations. Please choose a professor, career mentor, or faith-based leader associated with your **current college/university** who can comment on your intellectual ability, professional promise, character, and suitability for the program. The Fellows Alliance Letters of Recommendation must be completed and signed by both applicant and recommender.

	NAME	POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1.			
2.			

PART VI: SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is accurate, complete, and honestly presented. I confirm that all materials are written by me and are, in entirety, my own original work. I understand that any inaccurate or misleading information or omission will be the cause for disqualification from further consideration for admission and will be cause for the rescinding of any offer of selection for the program.

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please submit your completed application by email to:

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Or by mail to:

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Interfaith Youth Core

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION I

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

IMPORTANT: This section must be completed **before** giving the form to your recommender.

APPLICANT'S NAME: Mr. / Ms. First _____ Last _____ M I _____

I confirm that I did not write or draft this recommendation.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

We thank you and appreciate that you are willing to take the time to write a letter of recommendation for this applicant.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
3. The Selection Committee would appreciate a statement from you concerning the applicant named above. Please feel free to write responses on a separate page. The following questions suggest the type of information that we find helpful:
 - What do you consider to be the applicant's talents and strengths? What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?
 - Please describe how the candidate has shown leadership on campus.
 - How well will the applicant mobilize interfaith cooperation on your campus?
 - Why would your institution benefit from having an IFYC Fellow on your campus?
 - Reference to the following is especially desired: intellectual ability, achievements, social sensitivity, and character. If possible, we would welcome comparison of this applicant with other students, employees, or others you have taught, supervised, or mentored.

4. Overall Recommendation:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastically Recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend with Reservations | <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Recommend |

5. Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Name (printed) _____

Position & Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone Number () _____ Email _____

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH, 2010



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION II

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

IMPORTANT: *This section must be completed **before** giving the form to your recommender.*

APPLICANT'S NAME: Mr. / Ms. First _____ Last _____ M I _____

I confirm that I did not write or draft this recommendation.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

We thank you and appreciate that you are willing to take the time to write a letter of recommendation for this applicant.

5. How long have you known the applicant? _____
6. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
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8. Overall Recommendation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastically Recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend with Reservations	<input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Recommend

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