



## InterAction Congressional Fellowship Program

InterAction recently launched its Congressional Fellowship Program and is seeking a bi-partisan group of between 15-20 congressional staff from the House and Senate who are responsible for foreign policy and/or international assistance in their office.

As Congress and the U.S. government continue to invest billions in development and humanitarian assistance, debates over these programs have sharpened and oversight has deepened. While recent discussions have focused on emergency contexts like Ukraine and Gaza, longer-term development efforts around localization, resilience and adaptation, global health security, and the modalities of aid will have consequences that will shape U.S. development programs for a generation.

Important questions must be asked during these debates: How is foreign assistance part of the broader foreign policy toolbox? How does the U.S. model of foreign assistance differ from both its allies and its foes? How and why do foreign assistance programs succeed and fail? How can assistance reach more people more effectively?

Those selected for the Program will meet over two days for in-depth discussions on these very questions. Fellows will also learn how foreign assistance is funded, how the programs are implemented, and how we measure their impact on the ground.

Topics our Fellows will cover include:

- A detailed discussion of how Congress appropriates foreign aid, including an exploration of specific accounts within the State and Foreign Operations appropriations bill.
- How foreign aid implementers receive and implement assistance programs and work with the U.S. government, multilateral institutions, and other institutional donors.
- A deeper examination of how foreign aid is provided, including:
  - Hearing directly from aid workers implementing U.S. foreign assistance in the field.
  - The daily challenges aid workers face, such as limitations and reporting obligations.
  - Several specific foreign assistance programs and locations.

The **session dates** are October 7, 8, and 9.

**Application requirements include** issue area responsibility, a resume, a letter of recommendation, and participation authorization.

For more information, please see our FAQs [HERE](#). For questions, email us at [IAFellowship@civicaconsultants.com](mailto:IAFellowship@civicaconsultants.com) and/or [tbuttry@interaction.org](mailto:tbuttry@interaction.org).

To apply, please complete the application, found [HERE](#), by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 12, 2024.

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