



## United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Special Youth Programme 2011

Applications open 4 January

### Background Information

The Special Youth Programme fellowship consists of an initial 4 months fellowship at UNFPA Headquarters or Regional Offices, followed by a continued fellowship of another 4 months in a UNFPA Country Office. This programme is designed to give young people from developing countries opportunities to engage in policy development and programming; to help build the capacity of young people; and to sensitize young people and UNFPA staff on jointly addressing young people's issues.

**During the course of the programme, youth fellows will** learn about UNFPA's mandate, programmes and the issues we work on, attend and participate in UNFPA and UN events and meetings, undertake research and writing assignments on areas of interest, contribute to ongoing programmes, activities and initiatives and organize a final presentation to UNFPA staff on their projects and fellowships.

**All selected candidates will be provided** return travel from country of origin, assistance with travel documents and visa requirements, health insurance, housing arrangements, a minimum subsistence allowance (for meals and other basic needs), a workstation and internet access, opportunities to be mentored by UNFPA staff on issues of interest and administrative assistance as may be required. A salary is not paid under this programme.

### Eligibility

- Work or volunteer experience in areas of UNFPA's mandate, which include population and development, young people's sexual and reproductive health, humanitarian response, sexuality education, gender, culture, human rights, HIV prevention, poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods.
- Aged between 20-24 years old (applicants born before 1 January 1987 will not be considered)
- Residence and nationality of a developing country (for a list, see <http://www.unfpa.org/worldwide/>)
- Interest and dedication to development issues established through previous experiences or affiliations
- Commitment to return to home country to promote the ICPD mandate
- Young people living with disabilities and indigenous young people are especially encouraged to apply

**Applications are open!** To apply, go to <http://www.unfpa.org/employment/vacancy.htm> and click on "Apply Online". This is the only way to apply. Candidates from all regions are welcome to apply. Please click on the vacancy **for your region\***. If you have any trouble applying, you can look at the instructions in the guide on how to apply (click here: [http://www.unfpa.org/employment/application\\_guide.doc](http://www.unfpa.org/employment/application_guide.doc)). Please note that there is no fee to apply.

**Applications open 4 January and close 20 January.** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by 15 February. Interviews will be held in late-February and the fellowship take place from April to December.

**For more information**, go to the Facebook Page "[UNFPA Special Youth Programme](#)", follow [@unfpayouth](#) or [#syp2011](#) or email [youth@unfpa.org](mailto:youth@unfpa.org). Due to the large number of queries, an immediate response may not be possible so please read this notice carefully. **All the best!!!**

\* **Africa:** This year only candidates from the following African countries may apply: South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Seychelles.

\* **Other regions:** Candidates from all other countries are welcome to apply, including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Somalia, Egypt and Sudan, which are included under the Arab States Region.