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FELLOW NEWS

Mexican Fellow Pati Ruiz Wins Grant Through Changemakers

Among seven Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) grantees selected from entrants in the Changemakers' [Geoutourism challenge](#), we congratulate [Pati Ruiz](#). [Her project](#) and the other grantees will share \$10 million.

Five Ashoka Fellows and the 2009 Condé Nast Traveler Environmental Award

This year's selection by leaders of prominent environmental organizations demonstrates increasing acknowledgement of the role of social entrepreneurship in tackling pressing environmental issues. Since Ashoka is now prioritizing climate change and the environment, and several of the Fellows are collaborating with each other—demonstrating the power of collaborative entrepreneurship—join us in celebrating this recognition of social entrepreneurship.

Winner: [Al Harris](#). Visit his [website](#) and find details about his work [here](#) and [here](#).

Runner Up: [Prigi Arisandi](#). Visit his [website](#) and find details about his work [here](#).

Top Ten (to be featured in online slideshow): [Sherif El Ghamrawy](#), [Andy Lipkis](#) and [Pati Ruiz Corzo](#)

Thai Fellow and Students win Emmy

Thai Fellow [Weera Suwannachot](#) and his students have won the 2009 International Emmy Award in the Children and Youth category. Find details [here](#).

Unique Bank Featured in Financial Times

[Chetna Gala Sinha](#)'s Unique Bank is currently featured in these two articles from the *Financial Chronicle* of India: [A little women's bank shrinks the world](#) and [This B-school is India Shining](#).

Fellows Win Changemakers Competition


Congratulations to Ashoka Fellows [Sikha Roy](#), [Mwalimu Musheshe](#) and [Willy Pessoa](#) – all winners of the [Cultivating Innovation: Solutions for Rural Communities competition](#), sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Humberto Prado wins Canadian Embassy in Venezuela's first Human Rights Award

Read about Humberto Prado's win [here](#).

Ashoka Community Members Honored at World Bank Development Marketplace

Ashoka Fellows [Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu](#) and [Ashok Khosla](#) both had projects that won at this year's



World Bank Development Marketplace 2009. Previous Changemakers finalists and winners were also among the DM2009 winners including [Erika Vohman](#), [Rezaul Haq](#), [Badara Jobe](#) and [Maria Eugenia Aguilar Castro](#) were also finalists in the competition. See all five proposals from Ashoka Fellow organizations, check out Ashoka's interactive booth and catch up on the materials provided for event participants that chose to go paperless (the theme was Climate Change Adaptation) [here](#).

AWARDS/FUNDING

2010 Ford Foundation International Fellowships Programme (IFP)

Deadline: **December 15, 2009**

The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Programme (IFP) seeks to build a new generation of social justice leaders worldwide. Ford Fellows come from groups and communities that have little access to higher education, and are selected on the strength of their academic achievement, leadership skills and social commitment. Interested candidates should complete an IFP Pre-Application Form to reach the IFP office in New Delhi not later than **15 December 2009**. Only eligible candidates will be sent an IFP Final Application Form. Candidates should complete the Final Application Form and return to the IFP office in New Delhi not later than **15 February 2010**. For more information, [click here](#).

Scholarship for Women Deliver 2010 Conference

Deadline: **December 15, 2009**

Women Deliver 2010 is going to be a different kind of conference. We believe that women are at the economic heart of the developing world. And to do this work, they need to be healthy. The Women Deliver global conference, held in Washington DC on June 7-9, 2010, will focus on the theme: delivering solutions for girls and women. Online applications must be received on or before the deadline of December 15, 2009. Apply and find more information [here](#).

Financial Times/JustMeans Social Innovation

Deadline: **December 18, 2009**

These awards will showcase those companies and people that are shaping the new world of sustainable business. A competitive application process will determine awards in two different areas, Most Innovative Social and Environmental Strategy/Program and the Social Intrapreneur's Award. For more information, [click here](#).

African Women Public Service Fellowship

Deadline: **January 7, 2010**

This New York University fellowship program expands the opportunity for African women to prepare for public service in their home countries. Applicants commit to return to their respective home countries at the conclusion of the program with the goal of assuming a leadership position. Find details [here](#).


The Asian Scholarship Foundation (ASF)

Deadline: **January 15, 2010**

The Foundation aims to increase overall awareness of the intellectual resources in the countries of South and Southeast Asia, and the People's Republic of China. ASF seeks to establish a multi-national network of Asian specialists in Asia who will foster the development of Asian Studies within existing area studies communities. Download the application [here](#).

Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health and Human Rights

Deadline: **January 15, 2010**



This award is given to a leading practitioner in health and human rights and comes with a substantial financial reward to allow its recipients a measure of freedom to pursue their work in the important area of global health and human rights. Find details [here](#).

Behrs Environmental Leadership Program

Deadline: **January 15, 2010**

University of California, Berkeley // **June 25-July 17, 2010**

The *Behrs* ELP links the complex local and global environmental challenges of decision-makers around the world with interdisciplinary perspectives in environmental and natural resource science. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. The course brochure and application may be downloaded from the [website](#). Please let [Leah Fotis](#) know if you are interested in applying.

The Charles Bronfman Prize

Deadline: **January 15, 2010**

The Charles Bronfman Prize celebrates the vision and talent of a team or individual, under 50 years of age, whose humanitarian work has contributed significantly to the betterment of the world. The achievements of prize recipients exemplify the Jewish values and regard for humanity that provide inspiration to the next generation. Find details [here](#).

Africa: 2010 Archbishop Tutu Fellowship

Deadline: **January 16, 2010**

The goal of the African Leadership Institute (AfLI) is to nurture and enhance leadership capability across Africa, with particular focus on the promising leaders of the future. AfLI's aim is to create a network of high-potential young Africans who have attended our programmes, and who are expected to rise to top leadership positions in their sphere of activity over the next 5-20 years. AfLI will provide leadership learning activities that enhance their experiences, insights, tools and confidence, and provide a support network that will better enable them to become drivers of the transformation of Africa. For details, [click here](#).

2010 STARS Impact Awards

Deadline: **January 19, 2010**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2010 STARS Impact Awards recognizing outstanding organizations working in the areas of children's health, education and protection. Eligible Organizations working with children in Africa, the Middle East, Asia or Pacific are invited to apply. Each Award carries US \$100,000 of unrestricted funding as well as consultancy support. Find details [here](#).


Nieman Journalism Fellowships

Deadline: **January 31, 2010**

Non-U.S. journalists who show a capacity for growth and leadership can apply for the Nieman International Fellowships to study at Harvard University. International candidates must find financial support from sources outside the Nieman Foundation. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply even if they haven't received full funding by the deadline. The Foundation then works with fellows to secure the necessary funds. Completed application forms should accompany work samples and two short essays: a statement of career plans and aspirations, and a proposal for study. Fellows begin their academic year at Harvard in mid-August 2008. For more information, click [here](#).

Tourism Cares Offers Worldwide Grant Program

Deadline: **February 1, 2010**



[Tourism Cares](#), a nonprofit charity supported by the tourism industry, administers the Worldwide Grant Program to support worthy tourism-related nonprofit organizations working to preserve, conserve, and restore the world's natural, cultural, and historic treasures.

Schwab Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Deadline: **Varies by region**

Schwab partners with local media and institutions to recognize social entrepreneurs working to transform traditional practices of social change and sponsors the awardees' attendance at the World Economic Forum. Since each country has its own deadline for this award, we do not centrally organize nominations from the global office. We encourage you to consult with Fellows on their candidacy, and we are happy to help edit application materials as needed and serve as a reference. Please consult the [website](#) for specific information on your region.

Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship

Deadline: **Rolling**

Every year five full scholarships are awarded to individuals who wish to enter the one year full-time Oxford MBA program. To qualify, you need a proven track record in social entrepreneurship and a clear vision for the impact the MBA can make to society. The Scholarship covers fees and a stipend for living costs. Applications are considered on a first come first served basis and it is important to apply early in the academic year. Find more information [here](#).

INFORMATION FOR FELLOWS

Start a Free Miro Community

US Fellow [Nicholas Reville](#) recently launched a new online service called Miro Community, which lets you quickly create a beautiful video website for your organization. Nicholas is glad to offer free sites to fellows and help them get started. Learn more and see examples at: <http://www.mirocommunity.org> and feel free to contact Nicholas at npr@pculture.org

Nominations for OneWorld's People of 2009

This annual award honors those making a difference in people's lives anywhere and everywhere on the planet. Finalists get exposure through OneWorld's global publications and networks [Click here to post your nomination on our blog, and tell us where we can learn more about your nominee.](#)


CHANGEMAKERS ®

Support Emerging Social Innovators

Some of the best new ideas emerge in Changemakers competitions and challenges. Please meet the innovators and participate by nominating individuals, discussing the entries, and voting in these current competitions:

[Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing](#) – vote through **December 9th**.

[Healthy Mothers, Strong World: The Next Generation of Ideas for Maternal Health](#) – nominate and enter beginning **December 16th**.



[Improved Nutrition: Solutions through Innovation](#) – share your expertise and insights by commenting on the entries.

NETWORKING & COMMUNICATION TOOLS

New SMS Quick Start Guide on Changemakers

We collaborated with [Kiwanja.net](#), a leader in tech for social change, to create a step-by-step guide for using text messaging to help changemakers reach their goals faster. It's part of our growing [online resource center](#). Check out the guide [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS/ INTERNS/ PARTNERS

Executive in Residence Program

Ashoka's Executive in Residence Program connects corporate executives and law firm associates with in-country volunteer opportunities with Ashoka Fellows around the world. Executives and attorneys committed to social change will spend 3, 6, or 12 months with an Ashoka Fellow's organization, working on a tangible project. In return, they will experience social entrepreneurship in action. Each placement is designed jointly by Ashoka, the law firm/corporation, and Ashoka Fellows for an intimate set of participants. Placements are managed by experienced and informed Ashoka staff, both on global and local levels. For details, please contact Bruno Borges at bborges@ashoka.org

Volunteers

Need help with Strategic Planning? Fundraising? Translation? Volunteers can help!

In-person assistance? Virtual help? Volunteer teams? Let us know what you need, and we'll help you find what you're looking for! Please give specific details regarding your plans for using a volunteer and information about what type of work they'll be doing, special skills required, time-frame, accommodations available, etc. Email Beth Inabinett at volunteers@ashoka.org

Interns

Would you like to advertise for a summer intern on the Ashoka Volunteer website? Many capable undergraduate and graduate students are visiting the website looking for a way to get involved and gain experience in their field of study over the summer. Contact Beth Inabinett for an Intern Request Form at binabinett@ashoka.org