

Fellowship Bulletin

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FELLOW NEWS

Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya Wins First Annual Dell Small Business Excellence Award in India

Ekgaon, from [Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya](#), was recognized as a small business that uses technology innovatively to better serve its customers. The company, founded in 2002, has become a pioneer in mobile rural accounting and mobile tracking of transactions for small rural financial organizations.

US Fellow Rebecca Onie named a MacArthur Fellow

Project HEALTH, which [Rebecca Onie](#) co-founded is designed to overcome the barriers for low-income families to good health outcomes that are often the result of apparently unrelated constraints, such as child care, transportation, housing, food, education, and legal advocacy. Find details [here](#).

Sidney Ribaux is the first winner of the Canadian Environmental Innovation Award

This award was given to [Sidney Ribaux](#) by 3M Canada and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and recognizes individuals who are making innovative contributions to the protection, restoration and preservation of the Canadian environment.

Imam Mohamed Ashafa & Paster James Wuye Win Prize for Conflict Prevention

Nigerian Fellows [Imam Mohamed Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye](#) have won the [Fondation Chirac Prize for Conflict Prevention](#) for the award winning documentary film [The Imam and the Pastor](#). In the 1990s, Pastor James Wuye and Imam Muhammad Ashafa led opposing, armed militias, dedicated to defending their respective communities as violence broke out in Kaduna, northern Nigeria. In pitched battles, Pastor James lost his hand and Imam Ashafa's spiritual mentor and two close relatives were killed. Now the two men are co-directors of the Muslim-Christian Interfaith Mediation Centre in their city, leading task-forces to resolve conflicts across Nigeria. *The Imam and the Pastor* tells how they made this remarkable transition. It is both a moving story of forgiveness and a case-study of a successful grass-roots initiative to rebuild communities torn apart by conflict.

Karen Tse Receives 2009 Gleitsman International Activist Award

Ashoka Fellow [Karen Tse](#) has been awarded the Gleitsman International Activist Award by the Harvard Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. She is being recognized for her efforts on behalf of people around the world who are denied their legal rights through arbitrary arrests, torture, and denial of counsel or a fair trial.



Eboo Patel Named One of America's Best Leaders in 2009

U.S. News Media Group and Harvard's Center for Public Leadership Honor [Eboo Patel](#) as one of the 2009 America's Best Leaders. The Founder and Executive Director of Interfaith Youth Core was picked for his achievements in ensuring that the next generation is defined by interreligious cooperation rather than conflict.

Rebecca Villalobos Wins Bravo Award

"Latin Trade," Latin America's leading international business magazine, will be presenting two of its prestigious Bravo Awards to distinguished members of the Ashoka social entrepreneur community: [Rebecca Villalobos](#), an Ashoka Fellow from Costa Rica who promotes quality eye care for all, and Ashoka Support Network member, Lorenzo Mendoza, Executive President of Empresas Polar. Rebecca Villalobos, through her organization Asembis, has reached over 3 million Costa Ricans, providing quality, affordable care to people of all economic backgrounds and in the most remote areas of the country. Lorenzo Mendoza will receive the Bravo Social Responsibility CEO Award. He has become a champion of social entrepreneurship through his Polar Foundation and his own personal involvement.

Brij Kothari's Work Acknowledged at Clinton Global Initiative

At the Clinton Global Initiative former President Clinton commended the Same Language Subtitling (SLS) television innovation pioneered by Indian Fellow [Brij Kothari](#)'s PlanetRead. You can see it on [YouTube](#)!

AWARDS/FUNDING

Schwab Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award

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**, they do not centrally organize nominations from the global office. Please consult the [website](#) for specific information on your region.

Sauvé Scholars Programme

Deadline: November 30, 2009

The Programme is a unique opportunity for highly motivated people of demonstrated leadership potential, who are under the age of 30. They come to Montreal where they have an opportunity to enlarge their understanding of the state of the world and their potential in making a positive change. This year's Scholars come from Uganda, USA, Russia, Turkey, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Australia, Brazil, Israel, Kenya, and Nepal. To date 45 scholarships have been awarded to Scholars from 37 different countries. For more information, click [here](#).


The Asia Pacific Leadership Program

Deadline: December 1, 2009

The Asia Pacific Leadership Program is an innovative graduate certificate program designed to meet new educational and human resource needs during a time of increasing regional interdependence. Based at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, the program is creating a network of dynamic leaders from the United States, Asia and the Pacific who are familiar with the critical issues and cultures of the region and trained to work collaboratively. Find details [here](#).

American Association of University Women International Fellowships

Deadline: December 1, 2009



Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. These grants support community-based projects designed to improve the lives of women and girls in the fellow's home country. Find details [here](#).

The Ridenhour Prize for Truth-Telling

Deadline: December 1, 2009

This prize is awarded to a whistleblower, an investigative journalist or an organization that has recently brought an important issue to light. For more information, click [here](#) or email jayati@nationinstitute.org.

Echoing Green Fellowship Program

Deadline: December 2, 2009

This program was created by the Echoing Green Foundation to provide social entrepreneurs who have original compelling ideas for driving social change with the tools and resources to start new autonomous public service projects or organizations. Individuals who are awarded a fellowship receive a stipend, access to the Echoing Green network of social changemakers, and technical assistance. Find details [here](#).

Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders

Deadline: December 9, 2009

It is granted annually to someone who has demonstrated an exceptional record of combating human rights violations by courageous and innovative means. The prize aims to encourage human rights defenders who are in need of protection. Please note that neither individuals nor organizations may nominate themselves. www.martinennalsaward.org

Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology

Deadline: December 11, 2009

The 2009 Women of Vision Awards honor women internationally making significant contributions in the areas of Innovation, Social Impact and Leadership, all within the field of technology. Find details [here](#) under "initiatives."

Gruber Foundation Justice Prize Nomination

Deadline: December 15, 2009

Nominations for the Justice Prize are invited annually and may be submitted by individuals, organizations, or institutions whose contributions have advanced the cause of justice as delivered through the legal system. Find details [here](#).

Oak Human Rights Fellowship


Deadline: December 15, 2009

The Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby College in Waterville, Maine is soliciting nominations and applications for the Oak Human Rights Fellowship for the Fall of 2009. The Institute seeks a journalist working in a broadly defined area of human rights. They especially encourage applications from those who are currently or were recently involved in "on-the-ground" work at some level of personal risk. Find details [here](#).

The Yale World Fellows Program

Deadline: December 15, 2009 or January 15, 2010

This is a concentrated 13-week program designed specifically for those leading and refining the critical institutions in societies around the globe. The program seeks applications from early/mid career leaders who have distinguished themselves within their own professions and countries. Candidates for the Fellowship must demonstrate themselves to be driving forces for action or effective catalysts of change. World Fellows are



selected from a wide range of fields and disciplines including government, business, nongovernmental organizations, religion, academia, the military, media, and the arts. Find details [here](#).

Front Line Award

Deadline: December 31, 2009

The annual Front Line Award was established in 2004 to honor the work of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the protection of Human Rights in the face of considerable personal risk. The Front Line Award consists of a €10,000 donation to the work of the beneficiary as well as a €5,000 personal honorarium. Find details [here](#).

Human Rights Advocates Program

Deadline: December 31, 2009

HRAP is designed to prepare proven human rights leaders from the Global South and marginalized communities in the U.S. to participate in national and international policy debates on globalization by building their skills, knowledge, and contacts. The Program features a four-month residency at Columbia University in New York City with a structured curriculum of advocacy, networking, skills-building, and academic coursework. This extremely competitive Program will admit approximately eight participants. They make every effort to provide full fellowships to cover program costs as well as travel and living expenses for selected Advocates each year. Find details [here](#).

International Human Rights Internship Program

Deadline: December 31, 2009

The International Human Rights Internship Program's (IHRIP) mission and work are based on the belief that human rights activists have knowledge and skills that are important to the success not only of their own work but the work of other activists. Grants cover travel, basic stipend and health insurance for the participants or trainers. Grants can vary from US\$1,000 to \$10,000. Find details [here](#).

The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship

Deadline: Rolling (next deadline is February 17, 2010)

As always, Skoll is looking to provide mezzanine funding and support to social entrepreneurs who are ready to significantly scale their work to create equilibrium change. The work must demonstrate operational, programmatic and financial sustainability—minimum annual revenue of \$1 million in developing countries and \$2.5 million in developed countries. Skoll is especially interested in sourcing applications from social entrepreneurs working in five critical issues that threaten the survival of humanity—climate change, nuclear proliferation, global pandemics, conflict in the Middle East and water scarcity. Award winners receive mezzanine funding and an award at the annual Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship. You can read the [award guidelines](#), take an [eligibility quiz](#) and [fill out an application](#) on Skoll's website. If you are interested in applying for the Skoll Award, please let us at Ashoka know at nominate@ashoka.org.

INFORMATION FOR FELLOWS

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Fellow Wins Grant Through Changemakers

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

Contribute to Competitions

Please bring your expertise and ideas to these current Changemakers competitions:

[Improved Nutrition: Solutions through Innovation](#) – enter until **November 25th**

[Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing](#) – comment now, and vote beginning **November 23rd**.

NETWORKING & COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Ashoka's Social Media Tools Wiki

A number of Ashoka Fellows recently gathered in Bellagio, Italy to think strategically about how they could use social media and online tools to scale up their work. Check out their collective reflections at www.lakeinnovation.org. Learn how you can link up with the participating Ashoka Fellows and other changemakers on places like Facebook, LinkedIn, Ning and, of course, Changemakers [here](#).

#SocEntChat

#SocEntChat is the real-time, twitter-based forum hosted by Ashoka monthly. Next month's topic is "The Future of News" and will take place from 4-6pm US EST on Wednesday December 2. For information of how to participate, click [here](#).

CONFERENCES

International Marketplace on Innovative Financial Solutions for Development (2010 MIF)

Paris, France // **March 4-5, 2010**

Proposals deadline: **November 15th, 2009**

A key feature of the 2010 MIF will be a competition to garner and highlight fresh ideas on how innovative financing mechanisms can be used to solve development challenges at the local, country, regional, or global levels, with the goal that successful innovations can be scaled up and replicated.

The winners will be awarded pilot grants of up to US\$100,000 to assist them in the implementation of their proposals. Find details [here](#).


A New Approach for a New Economy: Realizing the Potential of Social Enterprise

San Francisco, CA // **April 28-30, 2010**

A new sector is emerging with the primary purpose of addressing social, environmental and economic challenges of our time. The growth of social enterprise has the potential to be a defining innovation of this century. Don't miss this international forum advocating for increased social impact through social enterprise. Join over 500 social entrepreneurs in San Francisco to learn, grow, be inspired, make new connections from around the globe and become part of this expanding movement. For details, click [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