Even as news of suicide bombings, sectarian violence, and culture clashes fill the headlines of our newspapers, millions of ordinary citizens around the world practice peace and tolerance every day.

What the world needs now are new social innovations to grow these practices and to plant the seeds of peace in ethnic and religious conflict-prone areas.

Ashoka’s leading social entrepreneurs stand at the forefront of innovation and progress in the field of cultural and religious tolerance, in many cases risking their lives to carry out their work.

These Fellows work to build and ensure the fundamentals of cultural and religious tolerance around the world: a foundation of trust and respect, equitable access to resources, and opportunities for civic, cultural and political participation.

Ashoka’s Global Fund for Cultural and Religious Tolerance brings together these Fellows to enhance their individual models, disseminate their successful programs around the world and fundamentally transform the landscape of religious and cultural tolerance around the globe.

As many of these Fellows and their families face death threats and other security risks, Ashoka’s Global Fund for Cultural and Religious Tolerance also helps support Ashoka’s Fellow Security Program to keep Fellows safe and provide emergency support in times of grave danger.

Technology, economics, politics and even environmental degradation make the connections between people, communities, and cultures tighter everyday. Ashoka Fellows and Ashoka programs endeavor to make these connections safer, more productive opportunities to create tolerance, understanding and social stability around the world.

The world needs support for these leading entrepreneurs and innovative solutions now more than ever. To create maximum positive social impact and to make the world a more peaceful place, we invite you to join and be a part of Ashoka’s Global Fund for Cultural and Religious Tolerance.
Transforming Global Challenges with Creative Solutions

Ashoka enhances cultural and religious tolerance around the world by sourcing, supporting and convening innovative leaders and solutions in the field. To provide global solutions in the field, Ashoka seeks to elect at least 10 Fellows working in cultural and religious tolerance issues, hold 2-3 global collaborations, and support collaborative online competitions and field-building research through Changemakers programs over the next year.

Contributions of any amount are welcome and important to the sustainability of the Global Fund for Cultural and Religious Tolerance.

Investments in this fund go directly to supporting Fellow stipends, organizing and holding global collaborations, and supporting Ashoka’s Fellow Security Program. Including a portion of programmatic and leadership administration expenditures, the average costs for some of these activities are as below:

Providing a 3-year Fellow Stipend and Fellowship support: $100,000
(Actual stipend amounts vary greatly depending on geographic location and the Fellow’s personal financial needs)

Providing Emergency Security Assistance to 1 Ashoka Fellow: $3,500

What is an Ashoka Fellow Stipend?
A Fellow Stipend is a highly personalized form of financial support provided to Ashoka Fellows at or near the launch stage of their work. This financial support is available to the Fellow for up to three years and is accompanied by Fellow Support Services to assist Fellows in refining their work, bringing their models to scale, and gaining publicity and support in the public arena.

What is Emergency Security Assistance?
Emergency Security Assistance provides Ashoka Fellows with both short-term assistance and long-term support by:
* Providing funds for legal fees, emergency relocation costs, medical and trauma care, and home and work security systems
* Identifying safe havens and advocates to help Fellows and their families relocate to safety
* Providing trauma support, risk mitigation consulting, action alerts and legal assistance