

Jacobs Fellowship at Yale SOM

Being a Jacobs Fellow is a wonderful honor that provides an important financial award toward the Fellows' loans and engagement with a professional network.

The Jacobs Fellowship is available to alumni eligible for SOM's Loan Forgiveness Program (LFP) who work/have an interest in the following fields:

- Education (including childhood development, learning, ed-tech, early-ed)
- Agricultural development in Africa (including food security, microfinance, supply-chain)
- Impact investment

Jacobs Fellows will receive \$25,000 over two years through SOM's Loan Forgiveness Program and will be members of the Jacobs Network throughout their career.

The determination of whether Jacobs Fellowships are taxable for graduates is based on your eligible loan forgiveness employer. Please review the alumni portal for more specific information.

Jacobs Fellows will participate in activities of the Foundation's Jacobs Network, as described below.

Applications are accepted in November of each year via the loan forgiveness application.

Selection Process – Timeline

- **November:** Alumni apply for Jacobs Fellowship at same time as applying for LFP; application to include short (less than 250 words) summary of why this program appeals to the candidate and copy of résumé.
- **January:** Potential candidates invited for interview
- **February:** Notification of selection as Jacobs Fellow
- **Spring/Summer:** Jacobs Fellows to participate in Jacobs Foundation introductory week in Switzerland (paid for by Jacobs Foundation)
- **July (year 1):** 1st Payment distribution of Fellowship
- **July (year 2):** 2nd Payment distribution of Fellowship

Jacobs Foundation – Expectations of Fellows

Ambassadorship:

You become an ambassador for the Jacobs Foundation's mission for life. During your fellowship you are genuinely interested in what the Foundation does and you seek ways to support the Foundation. You spread the word about the Foundation's work via Social Media and through your own networks, sign up for the newsletter, and you regularly read *BOLD*, the Foundation's blog.

Sharing your skills and expertise:

During your fellowship you share your expertise and skills with the Foundation. Remuneration will be discussed depending on circumstances. After completion of the fellowship you are available for requests of support the Foundation may have; time allocation and budget will be subject to negotiation.

Activities/Tasks:

1. Take on mentoring role for incoming students.

2. Attend at least two events per year in addition to Swiss Week, which is mandatory for current and incoming fellows.
3. Hone your writing skills and contribute to our newsletter (minimum of 1 article at max 4,000 characters) *or* write a blog post *or* collaborate on knowledge documents.

Membership:

You are an active member of the Jacobs Network and follow the vision and mission laid out on the platform and herein.

Jacobs Network – Overview

What:

A community of professionals and students across disciplines who have the potential and passion to support the mission of the Jacobs Foundation and each other throughout their careers.

Who:

Jacobs Network members are mostly current and former fellows, as well as carefully selected people from the wider Jacobs circle, such as implementing partners, portfolio organizations, and closely affiliated institutions including the Jacobs University. They include researchers, journalists, social entrepreneurs, MBA students, and public policy professionals.

Mission:

To create a vibrant, global community of hand-selected professionals dedicated to pursuing personal growth, professional development, cross-sector collaboration, and the sharing of resources to advance contributions to the fields of child development, education, and social impact.

Vision:

We envision the Jacobs Network to be the preeminent community of international professionals who share their individual talents, industry expertise, and passion with one another. The members of the Jacobs Network not only serve as strategic and operational partners for innovation in the field of child development, education, and social impact, but also inspire one another through active engagement in this innovative and generous community, which is aimed at making each other better leaders equipped to create significant impact.