

Innovative Peace Processes Fellowship

Virtual, part-time

Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) is an impact organization that builds local skills for peace and promotes mediation worldwide. We bring together experienced volunteer mediators to improve conflict resolution capacity and support alternative approaches to expressing, negotiating, and resolving interpersonal, political, economic, social, ethnic, and religious differences.

Position Overview:

MBBI has been engaged in training peacebuilders, supporting and facilitating a variety of local and national peace processes in regions around the world. We have done this with nimble adaptations to conditions created by the pandemic and remained focused on inclusion and adaptation.

One of these processes is focused on creating space for the different factions to jointly develop a platform that can be used as part of the larger national peace process and this effort is led by MBBI's SE Asian Representative Shadia Marhaban.

MBBI is looking for a peace practitioner interested in capturing the process, learning from this initiative, and assisting in possible next steps.

Interest in:

- women's involvement in peace processes and
- how multiple cultures can enhance peace processes

Willingness to:

- conduct research,
- organize documents,
- provide logistics support,
- work across time zones and,
- attend to general project management tasks

... are vital and necessary.

This fellowship is for one year (October 2022- Sep 2023) and comes with a stipend. Travel is unlikely, the work can be done virtually.

Requirements:

- Experience doing research
- Experience with project management and programs/software related to online project management, communications and document storage



- Knowledge of gender issues in peacebuilding
- Ability and willingness to write
- 10 hours/week availability

While considerations of confidentiality would need to be taken into account, this fellowship could be ideal background for a master's thesis or part of a Ph D dissertation. Practitioners at these stages of their education are encouraged to consider this.

General Expectations:

- Establish positive working relationships with colleagues
- Remain organized and pay close attention to details
- Communicate often, orally as well as in writing, to keep key people informed
- Maintain flexibility with respect to hours and tasks to be performed
- Maintain awareness of and sensitivity to conflicting internal and external needs
- Maintain a general understanding of MBBI's policies and activities

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm and commitment to the organization's mission and vision
- Training in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and international development/affairs
- Able to balance working independently and as part of a team
- Project management experience is desirable
- Positive attitude and an ability to engage with a wide variety of people in different time zones
- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher),
 Adobe, Canva and online meeting/communication (for e.g slack) and file-sharing
 software (Google docs)
- Able to balance working independently and as part of a team

To Apply:

Please send resume with a cover letter that specifically addresses how your background fits the requirements with the subject line Attn:IPP Fellowship to <u>info@mediatorsbeyondborders.org</u>. Only applicants invited for an interview will be contacted.