



Overseas Development  
Institute

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Do you want to make  
a difference?

**Overseas Development Institute**  
**Fellowship Scheme**

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# Overview of ODI

- Britain's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues
- Our mission statement:  
'To inspire and inform policy and practice which will lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods'

# Overview of ODI

- Research
- Practical policy advice
- Policy-focused dissemination and debate
- Staff of over 120
- Over 50 years of experience
- 20+ research programmes
- ODI is funded from public and private sectors
- **[www.odi.org.uk](http://www.odi.org.uk)**

# The Fellowship Scheme



- Recruit postgraduate economists to work for the governments of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific on two-year contracts
- Provide governments of developing countries with high-calibre junior professional economists where gaps in local expertise exist
- Provide recent postgraduate economists with practical work experience in a developing country

# The Fellowship Scheme



- Established in 1963
- Worked in over 30 countries and placed more than 900 Fellows
- 2011 – 50 awards made
- 100 currently in post working in 24 countries

# Fellowship Scheme Countries

## **Africa (82 Fellows)**

Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zanzibar

## **Caribbean (3 Fellows)**

Guyana

## **Pacific (15 Fellows)**

Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Vanuatu

# What do Fellows do?

- Poverty Reduction Strategies
- Forecasting government revenue
- Budget strategy and preparation
- Advising on Trade Policy and assisting with negotiations
- Aid Coordination and Debt Management
- Devising strategic response to HIV/AIDS Crisis
- Advising on application of environmental economic instruments – climate change

# Why are Fellows needed?

Lack capacity locally

Public Sector unable to recruit locally – poor salaries,  
competition from private sectors and donors

Exposure to new ideas and cross cultural thinking

# What's in it for me?

- Two years of invaluable work experience in development working within Public Sector
- Develop personal and professional skills
- Acquire an in-depth insight into life in a developing country
- Establish contacts/networks with a wide range of people and organisations

# How does it work?

## **The employer:**

- Contracts Fellows for 2 years
- Pays the local salary
- Extends the same conditions of service as locally recruited staff

# How does it work?

## ODI:

- Administration – including recruitment, selection and pre-departure briefing
- Flights at start and end of contract
- Monthly supplementation
- Emergency medical insurance
- Your employer is not ODI

# What makes a good Fellow?

## Essential Entrance Requirements

- Excellent degree and postgraduate qualification, one of which should be in Economics or a related subject
- Sound grasp of economic theory and its application

# What makes a good Fellow?

## **Desirable Entrance Requirements**

- Demonstrable interest in Development
- Strong IT Skills
- Relevant work or voluntary experience
- Language competence (Portuguese, French, Swahili)

# What makes a good Fellow?

**Intellectual** – problem-solving, analysis of information, communication

**Personal** – adaptive, flexible, able to work effectively with others, confident, willing to learn

**Work skills** – able to prioritise, time management, ability to work without supervision, report writing

# How to apply?

- More information on the scheme and the application process can be found on our website: [www.odi.org.uk/fellows](http://www.odi.org.uk/fellows) -
- Next round of recruitment will be in November 2012 with a mid December deadline
- Application will be via on line format

# Questions?

Feel free to email us: [fellows@odi.org.uk](mailto:fellows@odi.org.uk)

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