

# Fellows Program Guide

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Dear Reader,

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and its sister institution in the Dominican Republic, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), strive to contribute to the growing body of research on Caribbean—and specifically Dominican—issues. They place scholarship at the forefront of their programming, and offer opportunities for graduate students, PhD candidates, professors and academics to join a growing body of scholars and experts on Caribbean issues in producing innovative research and insight into the social, political and economic development in the Dominican Republic.

The Foundations boast optimum conditions for graduate students and professors alike, with state-of-the-art facilities, the impressive Juan Bosch Library and extensive networks of private and public sector contacts to assist researchers in deepening their understanding of complex issues in both the local and international realms.

Through the Fellows Program, Masters or Doctoral candidates and other academics and scholars may submit proposals to develop high-level research projects under the guidance and support of program staff. This advantage-- emblematic of the program – is reflected in the thoroughness of the content, bibliographies and resources that support the work produced by Fellows to date. Researchers who fulfill the requirements of GFDD and FUNGLODE will have the opportunity to present their results before a public audience and/or publish their work in GFDD's prominent Research & Ideas book series.

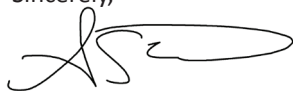
But that is not all! Exceptional work may be eligible to be presented alongside the work of other global experts as part of the compendium of activities undertaken by FUNGLODE/GFDD at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations, where GFDD and FUNGLODE have consultative status.

Many students have used GFDD/FUNGLODE's innumerable resources to produce articles on relevant and under-documented topics or on regional issues, later publishing them through our webpages and academic journals either during or after their experience in the Dominican Republic. This opportunity is not only relevant for those interested in increasing their professional and academic activities, but also serves to reinforce one's résumé while displaying a commitment to a professional area before applying for a new job.

The Fellows Program Guide provides comprehensive information about the opportunities for graduate students, academics and professors interested in deeply exploring topics of global relevance in the Dominican Republic.

A multi-disciplinary team located in three regional offices in Santo Domingo, New York and Washington D.C. are involved in designing a research agenda that will correspond to the intricacies of each individual research proposal. We hope to see you in Santo Domingo soon!

Sincerely,



Mandy Sciacchitano  
InterDom and Fellows Program Manager

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## Research in the Dominican Republic

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*Columbia Fellow Yosmayra Reyes with her two national advisers and the GFDD Fellows Program Director, Yamile Eusebio.*

Since its inception in 2009, the Fellows Program, an initiative of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundacion Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) has been growing at a rapid pace. The program provides opportunities for M.S., M.A. and Ph.D. candidates to conduct high-level research in the Dominican Republic on issues related to sustainable development.

The program seeks to generate scholarship on issues of national and regional concern and to offer viable solutions to domestic and international challenges -- especially those which form part of the United Nations agenda -- by developing research on current issues with recommendations for public policy and implementation. GFDD holds consultative status with the United Nations, so the Program is very interested in research proposals which are aligned with the UN's ECOSOC agenda and/or the Dominican Republic's attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. However, all proposals related to the socioeconomic or political development of the Dominican Republic will be considered.

The GFDD and FUNGLODE staff provide research support and guidance to fellows, together with national research advisers and Fellows' university professors. Fellows will also have the opportunity to network with important Dominican and international community leaders, business people and political figures. The final output of the research is a comprehensive report which includes empirical data, and contributes to the development of the nation's economy and the advancement of academic research. Fellows that fulfill the standards and requirements of GFDD and FUNGLODE have the opportunity to present their findings before the United Nations community on behalf of the Foundations. Opportunities to publish the work in GFDD's Research and Ideas Series also exist.

Through the Fellows Program, fellows will have the opportunity to attend daily activities, conferences and workshops at FUNGLODE, or work on their research in the Juan Bosch Library, one of the most comprehensive centers for research in the Caribbean. Via excursions and social and cultural activities, fellows have the ability to interact with key societal actors, get a taste of local culture and experience the country's natural beauty and cultural wealth.

## About GFDD and FUNGLODE

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a non-profit, organization dedicated to promoting collaboration between organizations in the United States and the Dominican Republic with an aim to study, research, enhance public understanding, design public policies, devise strategies, offer capacity building, and foster exchange in the areas crucial for the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic, Caribbean and Latin America.

GFDD accomplishes its goals through research projects, training programs, academic exchange programs, publications, seminars and conferences, as well as joint US-DR task force efforts and development programs. It encourages intellectual and professional development of Dominican professionals, in the country and abroad, while working to offer viable action plans and solutions to domestic problems for the benefit of Dominicans residing in the Dominican Republic, the United States and Latin America.

GFDD is the US sister organization of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), based in the Dominican Republic. FUNGLODE was created by Dr. Leonel Fernández in the year 2000, at the end of his first presidential mandate. Upon resuming his duties as President of the Dominican Republic in August 2004, Dr. Fernandez became the Honorary President of the institution.

FUNGLODE is a think-tank which boasts more than 25 research centers and hosts academic programs, conferences, workshops, and seminars for both local and international participants in a wide range of topics related to the social, economic and political development of the Dominican Republic.



FUNGLODE and GFDD were created as a result of President Fernandez's desire to contribute to the social, economic, and democratic development of his home country and the Region, particularly by promoting international collaboration and exchange in order to advance the level of public debate, inform public opinion, train more qualified human resources, and achieve sounder public policies.

To learn more about GFDD and FUNGLODE, you can visit their websites at:  
[www.globalfoundationdd.org](http://www.globalfoundationdd.org) and [www.funglode.org](http://www.funglode.org)

## Program features



*Harvard Fellow Carl Allen presents his research to President Leonel Fernández at FUNGLODE*

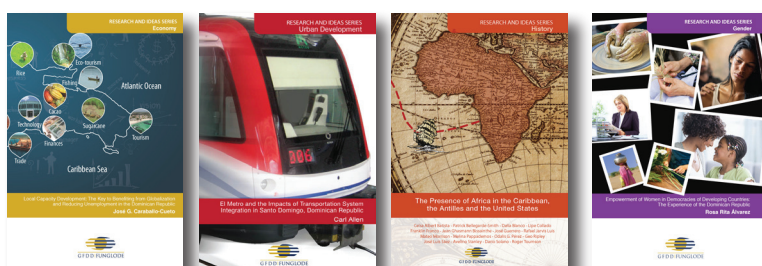
The Fellows Program offers support to fellows in a variety of ways. While there is no financial award included in the program, there are many benefits included in the program, such as:

- Ability to work directly with a national academic adviser.
- Contact with a multitude of other national stakeholders that contribute to the research.
- Operational and logistical support, which includes access to interpretation and translation services, if required.
- Guidance in terms of the content and scope of research.
- Complimentary housing and access to FUNGLODE's Juan Bosch Library.
- Opportunity to publish findings through the GFDD/FUNGLODE Research and Ideas Series.
- Opportunity to present findings during commission meetings of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
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- Option to participate in the Fellows Program's cultural activities and excursions.
- Roundtrip flight airfare

## Publications

Fellows research that meets certain criteria will be eligible to be published in English and Spanish in book format through GFDD's Research and Ideas Series. The Research and Ideas Series includes research papers, articles, speeches, and keynote addresses that discuss critical issues of the contemporary world from national, regional and global points of view. These selected works present scrupulous analysis, introduce innovative ideas and transmit inspiration.

In addition, FUNGLODE publishes a quarterly magazine – Revista "Global" which provides a space to elevate the quality of debate through dialogue with national and international experts, where fellows also have the possibility to publish their findings. All published works are presented in Santo Domingo and New York at GFDD/FUNGLODE sponsored events.



## Academic resources

### Research advisors & structure

Upon acceptance into the Fellows program, each fellow is assigned an in-country research advisor with whom we recommend weekly or biweekly meetings. In order to help guide the fellow through the research process, the adviser will facilitate the assistance with resource materials, connecting the fellow with other knowledgeable parties and revise the final draft of the research project. In addition to the national adviser, the Fellows Program Manager will set up informational interviews with experts in the fellows' field of study. Fellows Program staff will assist in the development of this and any other personal research that fellows are interested in conducting. Fellows will also be able to use the resources available at the Instituto Global, FUNGLODE, and Juan Bosch Library.

### Studying at Instituto Global

The Global Institute for Higher Studies in Social Sciences (Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales or IGlobal) began as a program in FUNGLODE in 2006 to develop, together with international universities and institutions, quality graduate programs in the Dominican Republic that would serve the need in the country to train public servants and political scientists as well as to implement high-quality graduate-level research. The Instituto Global accepted its first students as an incorporated university in 2009, and remains housed within the auspices of FUNGLODE. Fellows may enroll in courses in any one of the five current Master's programs: Public Administration, Electricity Regulation, Security Management, Crisis and Emergency, State Administration Law, and Political Science for Development, as well as in special courses tailored to Fellows participants. Visit their website to read more about their programs: [www.iglobal.edu.do](http://www.iglobal.edu.do)



### Events at FUNGLODE

Fellows are granted the opportunity to attend most of the conferences and seminars that take place at FUNGLODE. Events featuring prominent national and international speakers are held frequently, and center on a variety of themes such as: democracy, sustainable development, foreign affairs, education, information and communications technology, environmental preservation and management and culture. Information can be obtained about upcoming events both on FUNGLODE's website: [www.funglode.org](http://www.funglode.org) and at FUNGLODE's reception desk.



### Access to the Juan Bosch Library

All Fellows participants have complete access to Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo's Juan Bosch Library (formerly the Center for Documentation and Knowledge Management), one of the most comprehensive centers for research in the Caribbean. The library offers a wide array of publications in print, electronic and digital formats on topics such as: political theory, political institutions, public administration, local government, municipal government, colonies and colonization, migration and immigration, international law, international relations, statistics, economics, transportation and communications, commerce, finance, sociology, social history, social assistance, criminology, socialism, communism and anarchism. Library passes, as well as information about hours and regulations, are distributed during a tour of the research center during orientation week used during a tour of the research center during orientation week.



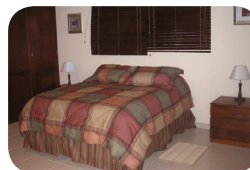


# Housing

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The Fellows Program will make every effort to lodge fellows in the apartment-style housing owned and maintained by GFDD and FUNGLODE, located directly in front of the FUNGLODE headquarters in Santo Domingo. These residences are modern and comfortable student residences with wireless Internet, 24-security surveillance in the building entrance, within walking distance to public transportation and strategically located minutes away from historic and cultural zones. Housing provision is dependent on availability and may be shared with other students and researchers. Fellows are eligible for housing if they are traveling alone for a time period of 12 weeks or less, unless special arrangements are made with the Fellows Program Manager. In the event that this housing is not available, other accommodations will be arranged.

Air conditioning is available upon request for an additional fee.



## Fellows Program provides:

- Bed linens, pillows and a duvet
- Towels
- Mops and cleaning brushes and clothes
- Sponges and soap to wash dishes
- Trash bags and insecticide (for roaches and ants)
- Wireless internet
- Ironing board and iron
- Laundry facilities
- Refillable water cooler
- 24-hour security
- Cleaning services
- Fully equipped kitchen

\*Fellows Program **does not** provide household paper products or toiletry products.



## Information and Policies

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### Travel

Within its possibilities, GFDD will provide round trip airfare to and from the Dominican Republic for the Fellow to conduct the field portion of his/her investigation. GFDD reserves the right to withdraw this offer for transportation without explanation. The expense of only one trip will be covered by the program, unless additional travel is required to present the results of the research.

In-country transportation from the airport and to and from interviews and field sites may be coordinated through the Fellows Student Life and Activities Coordinator with at least 48 hours advance notice. If Fellows take taxis to interviews and field sites, they may submit receipts to the Program Manager for reimbursement either during or at the conclusion of the in-country stay. Transportation for personal errands and projects will not be covered financially by the Fellows Program, nor will airport transfers in the country of origin.

### Meals

All Fellows will be expected to cover their own meal expenses while in-country unless otherwise coordinated.

### Language

The Fellows Program gives preference to candidates who have an intermediate to advanced level of fluency in the Spanish language and who can redact reports in both English and Spanish. If a Fellow considers that he/she will require additional language training and/or translation or interpretation services during the duration of his/her research in the Dominican Republic, this information should be communicated to the Fellows Program manager as early as possible. Accommodations for language restrictions will be made on a case by case basis.

### Health and Medical

Fellows will be included on the ambulatory medical insurance policy belonging to the Foundation for the duration of their time in the Dominican Republic, but will be responsible for covering any health-related costs incurred outside of what is covered by the policy. Fellows will not hold the Foundation responsible for any injury or illness incurred while working on the project.

### Funding

As nonprofit institutions, GFDD and FUNGLODE absorb much of the cost of hosting Fellows in the Dominican Republic and cannot offer stipends or additional funding. Fellows are encouraged to explore funding opportunities through their home universities and other national sources.

### Final Report

Fellows are expected to comply with the recommendations, guidelines and edits suggested by research advisors and Fellows Program and GFDD staff members and consultants in order to achieve the highest quality product possible.

## Apply

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You can apply to the Fellows Program by filling out the application form on the Fellows website at: [www.drfellowsprogram.org/register.asp](http://www.drfellowsprogram.org/register.asp), including your resume and one-page letter detailing your research proposal and methods. The one-page cover letter should include your reasons for wanting to travel to the Dominican Republic; your interest in The Fellows Program; the topic that you wish to research; how this research will contribute to your academic and/or professional aspirations; and your plan for how to fund the experience abroad. Additionally, please attach a writing sample which demonstrates your research capacity. After receipt of these documents, the admissions process can officially begin.

(We suggest that applicants possess an intermediate to advanced proficiency in the Spanish language to apply).

After the initial telephone interview, you will be contacted within 2 weeks with an admissions decision.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but it is preferred that Fellows adjust their travel dates to coincide with predetermined orientation weeks throughout the year (the first weeks in January, June and September). Fellows are asked to submit their research proposals at least 90 days in advance of their preferred travel date, and are required to comply with deadlines and chronology suggested by Fellow Program representatives.

### Visa Information

Fellows with United States citizenship who plan to conduct the field portion of their research in the Dominican Republic during a period of fewer than 90 days will not require a special visa to enter the Country. A tourist visa can be purchased in the airport upon arrival for US\$10, and any stay longer than 30 days will require Fellows to pay an exit tax upon departure, according to the table below. All tax and tourist visa fees are reimbursable to the Fellow upon presentation of the receipt to the Fellows Program manager.

### Dominican Republic Exit Taxes:

Up to 30 days	_____	free
30 days to 3 months	_____	RD\$800 (US\$20)
3 months to 9 months	_____	RD\$1,000 (US\$26)
9 months to one year	_____	RD\$2,500 (US\$64)

For Fellows who are not United States citizens, visa requirements vary by country, and the Fellow is Responsible for gathering the necessary information and applying for the appropriate visa based on his/her citizenship. The Fellows Program recommends that the Fellow contact the Dominican Embassy or consulate in his/her country or in Washington D.C. (see information below) to obtain accurate visa information.

### Embassy of the Dominican Republic Consular Section

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Washington, DC 20008  
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