



About the Program

Vital Voices Global Fellowship – Social Entrepreneurship empowers visionary women changemakers leading for-profit, purpose-driven enterprises that are addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Social Entrepreneurship pillar is tailored for women entrepreneurs who understand their business valuation, have identified their business growth strategy, are interested in expanding their social impact, and are eager to scale their business through investment.

What fellows will receive:

Through the program, fellows will strengthen their leadership and confidence through skills building and personal development, develop global network connections, establish a foundation for solution generation and collaboration, and connect through an in-person convening and regional collaborations. Through the Social Entrepreneurship pillar, fellows will spend time on their growth strategy, understanding their capital needs, and gaining the know-how to access relevant financing. Tailoring strategies to their unique requirements, they will also learn to craft compelling narratives and develop pitch decks that resonate with the ethos of the SDGs and investor expectations.

Fellows will embark on a transformative journey, gaining essential skills, knowledge, and confidence to propel their leadership and enterprises to new heights.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can non-profits apply?

The Vital Voices Global Fellowship Social Entrepreneurship Program is exclusively for women who lead or own a for-profit purpose-driven business.

Do I have to be a fluent English speaker to participate?

All content covered throughout the VV GROW Fellowship is delivered in English. English language proficiency is a requirement to participate in the program.

What are my responsibilities as a fellow?

- Attend all virtual training sessions beginning April 2024 through December 2024, complete all assignments and any additional phone calls/engagement with other fellows, trainers, or program staff
- The average monthly commitment is 8 hours per month



- Online sessions are typically 1-2 hours and held between 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. US EST. There will be 2-3 online sessions per month
- Attend the entire in-person gathering in Fall 2024 (exact dates TBD)
- Submit surveys up to three years after the end of the program

Are there costs to participate in the fellowship?

No, all costs associated with the program are fully covered by Vital Voices, including travel, lodging, and meals for the in-person convening.

Will I receive a certificate of completion?

Upon successful completion of the fellowship, all fellows will receive a certificate of completion, certifying they have met all requirements of the program.

I am a policy maker and a social entrepreneur, can I apply to both the Political Leadership pillar and Social Entrepreneurship pillar of the Vital Voices Global Fellowship?

Yes, if you meet the individual criteria for both pillars, you are welcome to apply to both the Political Leadership pillar and Social Entrepreneurship pillar of the Vital Voices Global Fellowship.

How can I apply?

You can fill out an application for the program here: [*insert link*](#)

If I am an alum of the VV GROW Fellowship or have applied to other Vital Voices programs am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, we encourage alumni of the VV GROW Fellowship and other Vital Voices programs (including VV Engage) to apply for the Vital Voices Global Fellowship.

How long will the application take?

This application should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. You will be able to save your answers and return to the application at any time. To do this, click the “Save and Continue Later” box that appears at the top right corner of the application in each section and provide your email address. You will then receive an email with a personal link that you should use to return to your application.



When is the application due?

Applications will be considered until April 15. However, we encourage you to apply early as applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

When can I expect to be notified if I am selected to move to the second stage of the application process?

Those selected to participate in the second stage application process can expect to be contacted 1-3 weeks from the date of their initial application submission.

What information will I be asked about in the second stage application?

Those selected to complete a second stage application will be asked to provide key information and documents related to your financial model, team structure, business model, and business plan.

Who can I contact if I have any questions about the application?

If you encounter questions or problems with the application, please send an email to VVGlobalFellowship@vitalvoices.org with the subject line: 2024 Vital Voices Global Fellowship Social Entrepreneurship Application.

What happens after I apply?

All applicants will be notified about final decisions by the third week in May. Early applications are strongly encouraged as applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.