



2026 ITALY-AOSIS FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

All applications must be submitted by the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of the Applicant's country of nationality. Individuals are advised to contact their Permanent Mission if they are interested in applying. Contact information for Permanent Missions can be found at: bluebook.e-delegate.un.org

The Application Deadline is Friday, December 5, 2025. Please review the Fellowship Candidate Requirements in this package or at www.aosis.org/fellowship before applying.

To apply, Permanent Missions should send the Applicant's completed application form to fellowship@aosis.org, along with the following materials:

- A Note Verbale from the respective Permanent Mission endorsing the Applicant;
- Applicant's cover letter;
- Applicant's CV; and
- Applicant's writing sample of 2–3 pages addressing the following questions:
 - What unique background, experience, or expertise will you bring to the AOSIS Fellowship Programme?
 - What work do you hope to pursue following the Fellowship to continue to support your government's engagement on climate change, environmental protection, sustainable development, and ocean matters?

Please note that only applications submitted by the Applicant's Permanent Mission in New York, and with all the above materials included, will be considered for the Fellowship Programme. Applicants should be available for a Zoom informational call after they submit their application. The Fellowship Programme will begin in New York in February 2026.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Country: _____

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Email: _____





ITALY-AOSIS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

“The Fellowship was an excellent opportunity. We gained valuable knowledge in key areas that affect SIDS, but we also got hands on experience on how this knowledge is applied in a real-life setting to reach the outcomes SIDS need.”

– Former AOSIS Fellow



Designed to meet the specific needs of SIDS, the Italy-AOSIS Fellowship Programme is a unique opportunity for early-career professionals from members of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) to get hands-on training and experience on issues of law, policy, and science, and to build enduring capacity in AOSIS member governments to engage in international processes.

During the yearlong Fellowship Programme, Fellows will work at their UN Permanent Mission in New York, receive comprehensive training on climate change, ocean, environmental protection, and sustainable development issues, and gain real-world negotiation experience working with their national delegations and AOSIS at related UN conferences.

At the conclusion of the Programme, Fellows will return to their home country having developed the skills and knowledge needed to continue to engage on these issues and in the international process—as many former fellows have continued to do.

WHAT FELLOWS CAN EXPECT

- Training on relevant issues of law, policy, and science to build fundamental knowledge and understanding of climate change, environmental protection, sustainable development, and ocean issues;
- Media training to learn the skills necessary to communicate information to a broader international audience;
- Real-world negotiation experience at the United Nations to bring back to governments in their countries of origin; and
- Opportunities to participate in important international conferences.



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FELLOWSHIP TERMS AND BENEFITS

Fellows agree to:

- Work full-time in the AOSIS Fellowship Programme under the direction of the AOSIS Fellowship Director and their Mission;
- Report to the AOSIS Fellowship Director for instructions and assignments on AOSIS priorities;
- Attend all Fellowship meetings and trainings in New York; and
- Attend and actively participate in international meetings, including covering priority areas for AOSIS as assigned by the AOSIS Fellowship Directors.

Fellows will receive:

- A roundtrip economy airfare ticket to New York City;
- A fixed settling-in allowance of \$5,000;
- A laptop computer for use while an AOSIS Fellow;
- A monthly stipend of \$4,000 USD per month (housing costs are to be covered by the stipend);
- Comprehensive health insurance; and
- A travel budget to cover the costs of attending major international meetings.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must:

- Be a national of an AOSIS country;
- Be 25 to 32 years old at the beginning of the Fellowship Programme;
- Hold a degree in a relevant field (international relations, international law, environment, climate change, sustainable development, fisheries, ocean affairs, finance, etc.);
- Have 1 to 3 years of experience (maximum 5 years) working in a national government, or a regional or international organization.
- Commit to work in their national government following the completion of the Fellowship;
- Demonstrate discretion and sound judgement in dealing with politically sensitive issues in a diplomatic environment;
- Demonstrate excellent academic record and writing skills; and
- Be proficient in written and spoken English.

SPONSORING MISSION REQUIREMENTS

Sponsoring Missions will:

- Nominate one Fellow from amongst their nationals through their UN Permanent Mission;
- Make best efforts to have a position within the government for the Fellow at the end of the Fellowship;
- Accredite the Fellow to their Mission and to their National delegation;
- Secure a US visa for the Fellow; and
- Provide a suitable work, workspace and supervision in their respective Permanent Mission in New York.



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