

**The Equity Initiative** is excited to announce the opening of applications for the 2024 Equity Initiative Fellowship Program. This esteemed fellowship offers a unique opportunity for individuals from Southeast Asian region or China who are deeply committed to advancing equity, inclusion, and social justice in their communities and beyond. As a Fellow, you will embark on an extraordinary journey of personal growth, collaboration and learning that will leave a lasting impact on both your career and your ability to bring about positive change. The fellowship commences with an inspiring and rigorous induction year, paving the way for a life-long engagement in equity community building within the region and on a global scale.

### A Year-Long Learning: The Fellowship Induction Year

During the fellowship induction year (March 2024 - February 2025), Fellows will participate in a fully funded, six-week, in-person learning program both regionally and globally. The fellowship learning program aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Fellows will **deepen their understanding** of the social determinants of health and the structural barriers that contribute to health inequities.
- Fellows will receive **mentorship and guidance** from experienced professionals in the field of health and social justice.
- Fellows will have the opportunity to build a **regional network** of transformative leaders who are committed to advancing social justice in health.
- Fellows will develop **advanced leadership skills** that are essential for driving positive systems change.
- Fellows will explore **innovative actions** aimed at promoting health equity, dismantling systemic barriers, and enhancing access to quality services for underserved populations.
- Fellows will engage in **critical discussions** with renowned experts, thought leaders, and fellow change-makers to foster cross-sector collaboration and exchange of ideas.

To learn more about the fellowship induction year's learning events over the past seven years, including information on locations, content, and format, please follow [THIS LINK](#) →

### A Life-Long Engagement: Equity Community Building

**The Equity Initiative** is dedicated to the belief that a diverse community of Fellows, who share a commitment to social justice and equity, can achieve far greater impact together than any individual or isolated group. Our fellowship year serves as just the beginning of a lifelong journey for our Fellows. Upon completing the fellowship induction year (February 2025), Fellows

become part of a connected network that spans cohorts, countries, and regions. Through peer connections and regional networks, they collaborate with other professionals who are dedicated to promoting health equity. Additionally, Fellows join the esteemed **Global Atlantic Fellows** community. Our commitment extends beyond raising awareness. We encourage ongoing

personal growth, introspection, and the willingness to unlearn and relearn by providing Fellows with active participation in diverse activities such as advocacy, dialogue, sharing knowledge, and implementing collaborative projects to challenge the existing power structures and foster a more equitable society.

**Join The Equity Initiative and become part of a vibrant community that strives for a more equitable future. Together, we can make a lasting impact!**

## Fellowship Application Eligibility Criteria

*The Equity Initiative* is seeking outstanding mid-career professionals from Southeast Asia and China from any sector (public, private, non-profit, academia, business) who have demonstrated leadership in their field, who have shown a commitment to equity and social justice and are interested in a lifelong engagement with the equity community. To apply for the Fellowship, the applicant must:

- Have a track record of demonstrated leadership and commitment to equity and social justice.
- Have a clear long-term vision to promote systems change for health equity.
- Have at least 6 years of professional working experience
- Be a resident citizen of one of the Southeast Asian countries or China.
- Be proficient in spoken and written English.

## Fellowship Application Selection Criteria

The fellowship selection process involves the deliberation of National Committees and a Regional Selection Committee who help us score, rank, and select future Fellows. The selection criteria include the following:

- A diverse mix of applicants from a wide range of professional sectors
- Achieve a mix and balance of Fellows for optimal multi-national and multi-sectoral peer learning.
- Professional capabilities in health, social development, or related fields.
- Capacity to participate fully in the fellowship activities on specific dates with the support of current employer or home institution if applicable.

## Fellowship Application Important Dates

31 August 2023	Application Deadline
October 2023	Shortlisted Candidates Notified
October-November 2023	Shortlisted Candidates Interviews
December 2023	Final Selection Announced
January 2024	2024 Fellows Announced
March 2024	First 2024 Fellowship Event Commenced

**We look forward to receiving your applications and welcoming a dynamic 8th cohort of transformative leaders committed to advancing social justice in health!**

**APPLY NOW!**

