

# ► Synergos Fellowship: Call for Applications

## Why Become a Synergos Fellow?

Synergos develops partnerships and supports leaders to change the systems that keep people in poverty. The goal of the Senior Fellows Program is to increase the effectiveness of extraordinary leaders, who are committed to collaborative action to bring sustainable, systemic improvements in the lives of the communities they serve. Launched in 1999, the Senior Fellows program today links extraordinary civil society leaders from over 40 countries in a worldwide learning, service and action network.

The Program and the Network offer support and opportunities for enhancing leadership skills for the Fellows to become catalysts and play a major role in partnerships that address problems of poverty and social injustice. The program is based entirely on peer-to-peer support, learning and service; global networking and collaboration; and knowledge creation and dissemination.

Becoming a Synergos Senior Fellow connects you to a remarkable community of social activists, entrepreneurs, and investors. Members of this community help one another bring their work and their leadership to a higher level, which allows them to take on highly complex and dynamic problems such as public health systems, education reform or child malnutrition. They learn together, inspire and support one another, form inter-institutional linkages, spread best practices, gain international exposure and perspectives and connect to other Synergos Networks.

The Fellowship lasts three years and the Fellows are expected to take part in activities while simultaneously performing their ongoing professional responsibilities. This includes attending Senior Fellows global and regional events, being available for peer consulting, exchange and field service opportunities, and contributing to the shared body of knowledge. Synergos covers the costs of the activities during the three years, but Synergos Fellows remain part of the Fellows Network after completion of the three year program.

## Who Should Apply?

We are looking for exceptional civil society leaders who:

- ❖ Present a compelling vision for solving complex, systemic problems of poverty, inequality and social injustice.
- ❖ Are committed to working in partnership.
- ❖ Have a demonstrable commitment to the participation of and accountability to the community they serve, as well as credibility and legitimacy from that community to speak authoritatively about its issues.
- ❖ Are committed to developing and enhancing their leadership qualities.

## For More Information

Detailed criteria and more information about the requirements and activities of the Fellowship are available at [www.synergos.org/fellows](http://www.synergos.org/fellows). The deadline for applying to the Senior Fellows Network is **July 1, 2011**.

## About Synergos

The Synergos Institute is an international nonprofit organization that works with partners to mobilize resources and bridge social and economic divides to reduce poverty and increase equity around the world. We aim to inspire, build, and support inclusive partnerships that address the underlying causes of poverty and inequity and achieve significant and sustainable change.

### What Synergos Fellows say about the impact of the Fellowship:

"Now I more strongly believe that the issues of poverty and social injustice cannot be eliminated only by implementing projects without simultaneously giving equal attention at all levels, including international policy framework. This cannot be achieved without building bridges and partnerships at all levels..." Maryam, Pakistan

"I have grown – I have a more strategic thinking." Amalia, Brazil

"I feel that Synergos has deepened my commitment to the development sector. It has inspired me when I felt like throwing in the towel and it has rejuvenated me when I felt depleted from my work. Other Senior Fellows have guided me when I have asked for support and ideas." Afsaneh, South Africa

"When faced with a difficult situation, I reflect on what I have learnt through the fellowship before I make a decision." Mary, Kenya

"My view of the issues I am working on has been enriched enormously by the variety of people in the Fellowship, all of whom have one thing in common – the quality and innovative vision of their civil society work. Really exciting!" Lake, Chile

"The Fellowship changed my view of the scale factor. Doing good is very good, but doing good to many more is even better." Agustin, Mexico