

92Y International Relations



The Future of the Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of 92Y

The 2016 Ford Fellowship will offer a more robust, distance-learning experience leading up to a two-week, in-person residence at 92Y in June. Fellows will learn from educators from Columbia and Yale and the [Coady International Institute](#). Fellows will also meet with leadership coaches, business owners and 92Y and other non-profit executives. While at 92Y, 2016 fellows will also use our distance learning

platform to continue to collaborate with each other and 92Y after they return home.

The 2017 Fellowship application is live, and the deadline for applying to the program is June 30, 2016. The participating countries for 2017 are Brazil, China, India, Israel, Mexico, Russia, Ukraine and the United States of America (Detroit, MI only). The program will begin on June 7, 2017 and conclude on June 22, 2017. There will be a robust pre- and post-fellowship online curriculum. For application information, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) for general information on the fellowship and highlights from 2015. For Ford Fellow alumni news, see page 2.

About: International Relations at 92Y

International Relations at 92Y is ready for an exciting new year ahead! We hope you enjoy learning about our different programs, and look forward to reading more from us in the near future.

92Y International Relations supports all 92Y international programming, cultivates relationships and forges strategic partnerships on behalf of 92Y. We also orchestrate pillar 92Y programs, including the Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of 92nd Street Y, the International Way section of our annual Street Festival, and the Diplomatic Roundtable Discussion series. For more information on past Diplomatic Roundtable Discussions, see page 3.

A large part of what we do involves listening. We listen to our international partners and we listen to our 92Y colleagues in an effort to bring the best of 92Y to the

world and the best of the world to 92Y.

Recent Department Highlights and Updates:

International Relations has a new member of the team! Jason Rosenberg, Assistant to the Director of International Relations, is a recent alumnus of the AmeriCorps VISTA program on behalf of the New York based non-profit Urban Dove. Jason graduated from SUNY University at Buffalo with degrees in Political Science and African American and African Studies. During his time as an undergraduate, Jason also studied abroad in Ghana, West Africa and worked with Amnesty International USA. The department is extremely excited to welcome Jason into the 92Y community.

Alicia Villaneuva (Peru, 2012) Alicia recently published an article in PassBlue about how women in Peru are utilizing their artistic talent to demand rights themselves and their families, while also increasing their self-esteem in the process. Check it the article [here](#).

Amlan Ganguly (India, 2011) Amlan's organization, Prayasam, has been entrusted by the Global Health Strategies and Johns Hopkins University to make a film on the importance of vaccines on disease prevention. Click [here](#) for more information.

Doris Darkwah (Ghana, 2015) Doris recently wrote about her experiences after participating in the 2015 Ford Fellowship this past summer. Read about her reflections [here](#).

Issa Kouyate (Senegal, 2014) Issa wrote about his experience with the fellowship and its effect on his organization, Maison de la Gare. Read more [here](#).

Miri Ziv (Israel, 2005) Miri was awarded the 2015 AACR (American Association for Cancer Research) Award for Distinguished Public Service and Global Impact in Cancer Advocacy. Read about it [here](#).

Omari Taylor (Detroit, 2015) Omari began working as the Senior Director of Coporate Development at Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) this January! To learn more about the organization, click [here](#).

Otilia Clara Pop (Romania, 2002) Otilia is still hard at work fostering better partnerships between the government and NGOs in Romania. She and her team to encourage the government to be more open to suggestions from civil society.

Pawan Kumar (India, 2015) Pawan shared ways of [improving sanitation and hygiene](#) in villages, and also participated in [Field Days](#) with women in Rajasthan!

Raj Ridvan Singh (Malaysia, 2015) Raj recently posted about his 2015 Fellowship experience on his professional blog, which he began writing in November. To check out his reflections on the fellowship, and explore his updates, click [here](#).

Robyn Shames (Israel, 2011) Robyn's organization, [Refanah](#), facilitated more than 80 healing holidays for over 250 cancer patients and their family members in 2015, greatly surpassing their initial goal.

Siramaren Uth (Cambodia, 2009) Siramaren's organization, [Cambodia Corps, inc.](#) (CCI), is supporting 17 indigenous girls throughout their high school education. After the girls graduate and pass their high school exit exams, CCI will support them throughout their studies at the University in Phnom Penh.

Syed Tanqir Shah (Pakistan, 2003) Syed was promoted to Ambassador and Permanent Representative for the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the World Trade Organization.

Ford Fellowship Alumni News

Alumni Webinar Series Launched

Pooja Taparia (India, 2012): Pooja led the first Ford Fellows alumni webinar, "Monitoring and Evaluation."

Check it out [here](#).

Do you have a passionate interest or hard-earned wisdom to share? Lead a webinar! Contact us at agardy@92Y.org

Masbia Soup Kitchen shared memories from the 2015 Ford Fellowship service day. Click [here](#) to check it out.

The Ford Fellowship is on Twitter!

Follow us at
[@FordFellowship](https://twitter.com/FordFellowship)



The Ford Fellows continue to collaborate about pressing issues facing their communities today. If you want to reach out, get involved or share insights, contact agardy@92Y.org

Diplomatic Outreach

92Y Street Fest: International Way 2015



The 2015 International Way section of the 92Y Street Festival was a success! There were many highlights, including an exhilarating display of girl power from the People's Republic of China, an all-girls Sitan Tai Chi and Martial Arts dance troupe, featuring 8 to 14-year-old girls who practice sword-fighting routines for more than 8 hours a week. Polish-American Folk Dance Company performers followed with elaborate peacock feather-adorned hats and full, twirling skirts. Then, Caribbean Fusezion Riddimology brought down the house, with electrifying percussion feats.

92Y's diplomatic partners are at the heart of this block-long display of cultural booths, making the annual festival unique among those in New York City. This year's celebration featured representatives from China, Germany, Israel, Kazakhstan, Poland, Spain, Thailand, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as International Relations partners AFS-USA, China Institute of America, El Museo del Barrio, Korea National Tourism Organization and the Mexico Tourism Board. Over the years, 62 countries have participated, spanning a total of five continents. Click [here](#) for a full list of past participants.

Diplomatic Roundtables

With thanks to our hosts and moderators:

October 20, 2015

Host: Mr. Kenneth L. Wallach, 92Y Board Member and Executive Chairman of Central National-Gottesman, Inc.

Moderator: Mr. Justin Vogt, Deputy Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*

November 5, 2015

Host: Mr. John Paulson, 92Y Board Member and President of Paulson & Co., Inc.

Moderator: Dr. Benn Steil, Senior Fellow & Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations

Special Guests: H.E. François Delattre, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations

November 18, 2015

Host: Mr. Laurence Belfer, 92Y Board Member

Moderator: Dr. Michael A. Levi, David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment, Council on Foreign Relations



More 92YIR Highlights

The 92Y Nursery School and International Relations hosted 23 Japanese educators for a tour of 92Y and New York City. Among the guests was Sekiichi Kato, principal of a Japanese school known for its [innovative kindergarten design](#). (11/2015)

Attended *Protecting the Rights of LGBTI People in Latin America: A*

Decade of Progress at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (11/2015)

Attended *It's Not Over*, a screening of Andrew Jenks' HIV Documentary Film at the United Nations Headquarters. The event was co-hosted by Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States Mission, MAC AIDS Funds and UNAIDS (11/2015)

Provided behind-the-scenes contacts for 92Y Educational Outreach to take the Musical Introduction Series program on Mexico to Mexico City schools.

Through our Consultation Status of the United Nations, International Relations connected the 92Y Special Education program with representatives of a program to support Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

Have any updates for the 92Y International Relations department or the Ford Fellows alumni? E-mail agardy@92Y.org with your news!

