

Afghan Fellowship Legacy Projects (AFLP)

Book Project – Call for Papers (Excerpt)

What are we looking for? – Thematic Suggestions

- We are hoping that you will write about whatever you found to be most significant from your AF experience, personally or professionally, its impact on your life or career. This could be about the projects you worked on, or the process. For example we found that when we asked Fellows for help in the direction/quality of AFP, many of you quickly stepped in and took responsibility, whether as Fellows, Coaches, ARPs or any part of the Alumni community. It might therefore be important for you to write about this, and why you felt it critical to take the performance and impact of the Fellowship program, even resources and infrastructure support, into your own hands.
- Another example could be a collaborative piece by a team of Mentors from diverse sectors, or even countries who started working together to manage their Fellow teams each year, and the projects this led to.
- Many of you have said that the experience of coaching your groups changed the way you approached managing your teams in your work environment.
- Some Fellows changed career direction, went on to better/different positions or received honors such as the Fulbright scholarships. Many Community members at large took on more development projects in other communities or countries as well. Some of the projects you started made meaningful change in your spheres of influence. And for some the failure of your project taught you valuable lessons in leadership and planning. Could you write about all this?

How to Proceed? Options

So if you feel that you would like to participate here are some additional options on how to proceed

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- If anybody feels that they would tell a more sincere story in Dari or Pushto itself, we would welcome it. We would include it in the original language and include translation with it (we might ask you to help us translate to ensure we capture the spirit!).
- We hope to include all submissions if not in the book (which is limited by publication limitations), definitely in the blog.
- If you want to write poetry to express yourself, more power to you.
- If you want to write about a challenging or negative experience during the Fellowship – something that you learned from in the end, or it made you better at something, please write about it
- If you want to write a joint story with another Fellow or Mentor, we will do our best to help in connecting you to anyone you want to collaborate with

- If your most memorable or important experience was a specific part (such as a study-trip), a specific event such as a cultural exchange activity, a round table, or getting to know friends from other cultures, working as a coach to help manage the fellows/programme, a particular training module even eating foreign cuisines, we would like to hear about it!

In short we are hoping you will put on paper and in your own words what the Fellowship experience meant to each of you. Such a comprehensive and diverse set of authors will hopefully enable the book to capture the full story of this long-standing Fellowship.

Next Steps: The Process:

- **FIRST DEADLINE:** You are requested to respond with your *expression of interest in submitting an essay/paper and a brief description of your topic.*
- Once the topics submitted by you are assessed for thematic viability by members of the Paper Review Committee (comprising of core faculty members), you will be invited to submit your draft papers for the final review and selection.
- Your chapter/essay needs to be not less than 1,000 words and not exceeding 3,000 words (longer lengths for collective chapters), typed in MS Word.
- It can be an individual story or a collaborative piece between Fellow/Mentor/Partner teams.
- The essay/paper submissions will be reviewed for selection by the Paper Review Committee.
- Due to limitation of the printed medium roughly 20 to 25 papers representing a diverse set of perspectives and stories will be selected for the book. However the Review Committee will also select a more expanded list of submissions to be posted on a companion Book Blog to the book to share the Fellowship story in its entirety.
- **FINAL DEADLINE:** Deadlines because of Corvid 19 have become flexible. All you would have to do is send an email at your earliest to tell us you are going to send your story and the aspect you are focusing on. Your paper could be submitted ideally any time in August. However if you were to need more time, as long as you are committed about submitting it, we will work with you.
- ***The deadline for submission of papers is August 2020***