

Afghan Fellowship Legacy Project (AFLP)

Book Project

Call for Papers

As members of the UNITAR Afghan Fellowship Community – Alumni, Mentors, Faculty Members, Partners and the various UNITAR staff and teams over the years - you are invited to submit individual or collaborative essays/chapters for a book. Remember we want to include not just the Fellowship story but also give a glimpse of Afghanistan and different profiles of Afghan professionals, as well as teams or individuals around the world who committed to, and got immersed, in this community. The range and styles therefore can be as broad and diverse as the Fellowship itself. Similarly the fact that the AFP was based in Hiroshima, learning about Hiroshima and the A-Bomb survivors and/or just working closely with international members of the AF community all around the world maybe impacted how you see Afghanistan's path towards peace and its role in global history?

- 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?

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.

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*** by **9 MARCH 2020**.
- 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 Blog to the book to share the Fellowship story in its entirety.
- FINAL DEADLINE: ***The deadline for submission of papers is 4 MAY 2020***