

Apply Now Become a Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow

Learn about our unique two-year international fellowship program!

WHO WE ARE

The mission of the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program is to develop leaders committed to finding lasting solutions to hunger and poverty worldwide.

Fellows are placed with effective organizations where they develop new skills and expertise while actively working to alleviate hunger and poverty.

HOW IT WORKS

The Leland Fellowship is a two-year commitment. During the first year, fellows work directly to build food security in the field. In the second year, fellows apply their field experience to the design of sound development policy at the organizational, national, and international level.

The Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) places fellows with organizations that make a difference both on the ground and at the policy level. **Past host organizations include:**

- Catholic Relief Services
- Helen Keller International
- International Food Policy Research Institute
- Land O'Lakes, Inc.
- Mercy Corps
- Oxfam America

Fellows work on a variety of issues related to food security, including:

- Agriculture
- Maternal and child nutrition
- Climate change adaptation
- Agribusiness development
- Gender dynamics

Within these fields, fellows engage in a range of activities including research, monitoring and evaluation, program design, project implementation, training, and communications.

"The fellowship helped me better understand how individuals and families directly experience hunger and poverty. By working alongside communities in a developing country to find solutions, I was also able to better understand resiliency and...I felt fortunate to advocate with and on behalf of those communities."

AMANDA RIVES ARGENAL,
3RD CLASS
LELAND FELLOW

Right: Christine Hadekel (6th Class) leading a cooking demonstration as part of Concern Worldwide's Realigning Agriculture to Integrate Nutrition project in Mumbwa, Zambia.



Become a Leader

Courtesy of Christine Hadekel



BECOMING A LELAND FELLOW

The Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program, 2013–2015

Requirements

- Demonstrated leadership qualities and abilities
- Strong commitment to fighting hunger
- One year of combined work or volunteer experience in a developing country
- Ability to communicate and work across cultural contexts
- Ability to work independently as well as on a team
- Critical thinking skills and a high degree of self-motivation
- Flexibility
- Authorized to work in the U.S.

Other education and skills may be specified for some fellowship placements.

Benefits

During their service, **CHC provides the fellows with:**

- Monthly stipend
- Comprehensive health insurance
- Housing and relocation allowances
- Trainings and professional development funds
- Access to a dynamic fellowship community and alumni network



Matt Stylisinger

TO APPLY

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows are selected through a competitive process. For application instructions, please visit our website: <http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/>.

Please note that applicants to the Leland Program apply to a specific placement position rather than to the fellowship itself. The list of current placement opportunities is available on the CHC website. The 7th Class will serve from mid-September 2013 through August 2015.

All required application materials must be submitted by **Friday, January 11, 2013**. Semifinalists will be interviewed in Washington, DC in late February and early March. Final fellowship offers will be made by late April.



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Grace Jones

"The Leland Fellowship is the best designed, best managed fellowship that I have ever come across."

GISELLE ARIS, 6TH CLASS LELAND FELLOW

Courtesy of Giselle Aris



Giselle Aris (6th Class) evaluated Land O'Lakes International's Zambia Community Livestock program. Here she is with the Zilamba Goat Producer and Marketing Group.

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Adam Norikane (4th Class) with Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) at the 2009 CHC Leland Tribute Event