

Call for Applications: LG Young Federalism Fellows

The **Local Government Outreach Initiative Programme** invites applications from **young university graduates** who are eager to work with **local governments** in **Madhesh, Karnali, and Sudurpaschim Provinces** of Nepal. This programme is a collaboration between Kathmandu University – Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies and UNDP Nepal. It aims to strengthen local governance by introducing innovative capacity development approaches, with a strong focus on mentoring. 60 selected fellows will be trained and deployed in local governments (20 in each province), where they will provide **hands-on mentoring support** to local government representatives, particularly in challenging and remote contexts.

Who Can Apply

- University graduates **under 30 years of age**
- Academic background in fields such as (but not limited to):
Political Science, Law, Sociology, Public Administration, Development Studies
- **2 years of relevant experience** preferred (includes research, volunteering and community engagement)
- Flexible, proactive, and able to work independently as well as in teams
- Strong interest in the **governance sector** and willingness to work in **remote areas**
- **Applicants from Madhesh, Karnali, and Sudurpaschim Provinces are strongly encouraged**

What You Will Gain

- Opportunity to work closely with local governments
- Practical experience in governance, mentoring, and institutional capacity development
- **Two weeks of intensive pre-deployment training**
- Exposure to real-world governance challenges at the local level

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and **Motivation Letter** (maximum **500 words / one page**).

Your motivation letter should clearly explain a) Your understanding of the **role of local governments in Nepal's federal system** and b) Your motivation to work with local governments, including in **remote or difficult contexts**

Application Details

Apply at : nccs@ku.edu.np
Deadline : January 20, 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews. **Women, candidates from marginalized groups, and disadvantaged communities are highly encouraged to apply.**