

21 January 2026

Vacancy Announcement

(Extension of Deadline)

In reference to the vacancy announcement published on 13 January 2026 by Kathmandu University – Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies (KU-NCCS) for the “**Young Federalism Fellows**” for the implementation of Local Governance Outreach Initiative Programme (LGOIP), we are pleased to announce that the application deadline has been extended to 31 January 2026, after careful consideration.

The LGOIP invites applications from **young university graduates** who are eager to work with the local governments in Madhesh, Karnali, and Sudurpaschim Provinces of Nepal. This programme is being implemented through a joint effort between UNDP Nepal and KU-NCCS under the Provincial and Local Governance Strengthening Programme (PLGSP) – the national flagship programme of Government of Nepal.

Who Can Apply

- University graduates **under 30 years of age** and academic background in fields such as (but not limited to): Political Science, Law, Sociology, Public Administration, Gender studies, Development Studies, and Business and Management
- **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 and 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

Extended Deadline: January 31, 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews. Women, candidates from marginalized groups, and disadvantaged communities from Madhesh, Karnali and Sudurpaschim provinces are highly encouraged to apply. The fellows will be deployed to local governments in the Madhesh, Sudurpaschim and Karnali provinces of Nepal after 12 days of intensive training.