



Eisenhower Fellowships names 10 midcareer American leaders as 2020 USA Fellows

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Philadelphia, January 15, 2020—Eisenhower Fellowships has selected 10 accomplished mid-career professionals from the worlds of education, finance, the arts, and technology to travel overseas in its 2020 USA Fellowship Program.

Beginning in spring 2020, these diverse American leaders will travel independently to one or two countries overseas, broadening their horizons as they pursue individual projects that will generate lasting impact in their communities. These USA Fellows will meet with Eisenhower Fellows abroad, unlocking a lifelong connection to an influential global network of likeminded change agents.

“These dynamic young doers join a vast network of Eisenhower Fellows who for more than six decades have used creative, collaborative solutions to address global challenges,” said Eisenhower Fellowships Chairman Robert M. Gates, former U.S. secretary of defense.

From the creation of a national community of gardeners to support healthy ecosystems, to addressing the twin challenges of homelessness and public health, the 2020 Eisenhower USA Fellows will travel to countries across Europe, Asia, Africa and the South Pacific to advance real change here at home in the United States.

“In a time of growing nationalism and retrenchment in many countries, I am confident these outstanding leaders will use their time overseas to build new bridges of understanding and then bring back and apply what they learn to better their communities,” said Eisenhower Fellowships President George de Lama.

The 2020 Eisenhower USA Fellows are:

Mohamed Abdel-Kader | Washington, DC

Executive Director, Stevens Initiative, Aspen Institute

Natalia Crujeiras | Miami, FL

Executive Director of Cultural Affairs, Miami Dade College

Sandy Fernandez | New York, NY

Director, North America, MasterCard Center for Inclusive Growth

Margaret Fry | San Francisco, CA

Medical Director, Pediatric Service Line, Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Rachel Greenberger | Boston, MA

Director, Food Sol, Babson College

Christopher Gruits | Philadelphia, PA

Executive and Artistic Director, Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

Matthew Rader | Philadelphia, PA

President, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Timothy Reeves | St. Louis, MO

Assistant Treasurer and Director of Investor Relations, Emerson Electric

Anita Watkins | Raleigh, NC

Director of Strategic Innovation, UNC REX/REX Health Ventures

Kuliva Wilburn | Chicago, IL

Chief Executive Officer and President, Wilburn Strategic Solutions

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Now in its 66th year and named for America's 34th president, Eisenhower Fellowships brings together innovative leaders from all fields from around the globe who tackle big challenges to better the world around them. Since 1953, more than 2,400 mid-career leaders from 115 countries have benefited from the unique, customized experience of an Eisenhower Fellowship.

[Eisenhower Fellowships](#) identifies, empowers and connects innovative leaders through a transformative fellowship experience and lifelong engagement in a global network of dynamic change agents committed to creating a world more peaceful, prosperous and just.

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