

# Echidna Global Scholars Program (EGSP) Visiting Fellowship

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Question: What is the Echidna Global Scholars Program (EGSP)?**

**Answer:** The EGSP at the [Center for Universal Education](#) (CUE) at the Brookings Institution seeks to catalyze and amplify the impact of local leaders working to advance gender equality in and through education across the Global South. Visiting Scholars accepted to this program take part in a 6-month fellowship to conduct individual research focused on improving learning opportunities and life outcomes for girls, women, and gender non-conforming people, develop their leadership and evidence-based policy skills, build substantive knowledge on gender and global education issues, and expand their pathways for impact.

### **Question: When does the EGSP Visiting Fellowship take place?**

**Answer:** The EGSP is an annual program. Each year, visiting scholars will participate in three phases of the program:

- **Pre-Residency:** Once accepted into the program, Scholars will participate in a half-time Pre-Residency period. This typically takes place remotely in the Scholar's home country between June and late August in the year they were accepted. During this period, they will be expected to conduct research, collect data, and participate in the Echidna Global Scholar planned programming such as meetings and workshops.
- **Residency:** From late August to mid-December Scholars will participate in a full-time, in-person Residency program in Washington, DC. During this period, they will be expected to conduct research and write a policy briefing on gender equality in and through education. They are also expected to fully participate in the Echidna Global Scholar planned programming such as meetings and workshops and related programming at the Center for Universal Education at Brookings.
- **Post-residency:** Upon successful completion of the program, Scholars will transition to the post-residency period. For one year following the program, Scholars will receive limited support from Brookings. They will work on implementing their research and furthering the agenda of gender quality in and through education in their home countries. Scholars will then transition to the Echidna Global Scholar Alumni Network.

### **Question: What kind of research is eligible for the EGSP? What are the qualifications for the Echidna Global Scholars Visiting Fellowship Program?**

**Answer:** Applicants may focus on a broad range of topics. However, that topic **must** demonstrate how it will improve learning and life outcomes for girls, young women, and gender non-conforming people in & through education in the Global South. Communities of interest for the research include:

- Girls/women/gender non-conforming people living in poverty
- Girls/women/gender non-conforming people affected by conflict and crisis
- Those affected by gender-based violence, child marriage and early childbearing
- Homeless/street children
- Indigenous, migrant, displaced, or nomadic populations
- Out of school children
- LGBTQ+ young people

### **Question: What are the qualifications for the Echidna Global Scholars Visiting Fellowship?**

**Answer:** Applicants for the Visiting Fellowship **must** have demonstrated:

- Commitment to improving learning and life outcomes for girls, women, and gender non-conforming people in & through education
- Ties & clear intent to return to Global South
- Master's degree or higher completed at the time of application
- Demonstrated 10+ years of professional experience. The majority (if not all) of this experience must have taken place in the Global South
- English Proficiency

### **Question: I'm from the Global North/work in the Global North. Am I still eligible?**

**Answer:** The Echidna Global Scholars Program will only accept applicants who have close ties Global South/those with significant work experience in the Global South. Priority is given to those from the Global South. Priority regions include Central America, West Africa, and South Asia. However, if your country does not fall into one of those categories but is still considered a Global South country, you are eligible.

### **Question: What is the age limit for this program?**

**Answer:** There is no age limit for this program. As long as you meet the qualifications for this program, age does not matter.

### **Question: How will Scholars be supported financially during the program?**

**Answer:** Echidna Global Scholars will receive a stipend of \$22,500 USD over the course of 6 months. During the residency period (August – December), Scholars will also be provided housing in Washington, DC.

### **Question: Where can I apply/get more information?**

**Answer:** Information on the EGSP can be found [here](#). You can learn more about the

[application process here](#). Applications are typically open from October – December annually. Continue to check the [EGSP page](#) for updates.

Please email [globalechidna@brookings.edu](mailto:globalechidna@brookings.edu) with any questions about the program.