

ISOC Fellowship to the IETF

As part of its long tradition of helping build technical capacity, the Internet Society provides a Fellowship programme that enables more technologists from developing regions to attend Internet Engineering Task Force meetings.



ISOC Fellows to IETF 71, from left to right: Mudivedu Shroff Rajesh (India), Mohibul Hasib Mahmud (Bangladesh), Vincent Ngundi (Kenya), Max Larson Henry (Haiti), Dessalegn Mequanint Yehuala (Ethiopia), and Asim Zaheer (Pakistan).

Connecting Developing World Talent to the Internet Engineering Task Force

ISOC Fellowships to the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) are awarded to talented individuals from developing regions. Successful applicants have a solid level of technical education and enough knowledge about concrete areas of IETF standardisation to follow and contribute to technical discussions at IETF meetings and in online Working Groups.

The Fellowship programme increases participation by talented people from the developing world at IETF meetings and facilitates the sharing of knowledge and experience between technologists in developing communities and other IETF participants. An important feature of the programme is the Post-IETF project, each Fellow's responsibility to share meeting experiences among the local professional community.

Benefiting the Internet Community

The IETF Fellowship programme benefits the greater Internet community in the following ways.

- Raising global awareness about the IETF and its work
- Fostering greater understanding of and participation in the IETF by technologists from the developing world

ISOC Fellow Asim Zaheer.

- Identifying and fostering potential future leaders from developing regions
- Demonstrating the Internet community's commitment to fostering greater global participation in Internet development

Benefiting the Individual Fellow

ISOC Fellows to the IETF benefit personally and professionally. The annual Fellowship award covers expenses to attend the IETF meeting, plus offers Fellows:

- The opportunity to network with individuals from around the world with similar technical interests
- IETF veterans as mentors
- A certificate of achievement after successful participation in the ISOC Fellowship to the IETF programme
- Membership in the Fellowship Alumni Network

Benefiting the IETF

- Direct engagement with broader development needs
- Increased understanding of deployment challenges faced by developing country operators
- Enrichment of IETF work with new ideas and viewpoints



