

Apply by Nov. 6 for Handa Fellows in Interreligious Communication

Program champions young professionals, students who specialize in religion reporting or religious communication

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[Communicators Council](#) offer the [Handa Fellows](#) in Interreligious Communication program for young leaders who specialize in religion reporting or religious communication.

Through the Handa Fellows in Interreligious Communication program, each organization will offer training, mentorships and special opportunities for a cohort of up to 12 program fellows, for a potential total of 24 fellows. Between November 2015 and October 2016, Handa Fellows will:

- Commit to a one-year program of study and reflection,
- Receive a program orientation and organization-specific cohort formation experience,
- Receive scholarships for and attend either the 2016 RNA or RCC annual convention,
- Be paired with a seasoned mentor from their professional association,
- Participate in a series of six specialized webinars and four teleconferences,
- Have an opportunity to attend a potential, optional overseas training event as early as December 2015.

ELIGIBILITY & HOW TO APPLY

Fellows will be 18–35 years old and will either be college students preparing for careers in religion reporting or religious communication, or be professionals early in the same career paths. Applicants should carefully review program requirements found online, then complete the accompanying application.

- RNA applicants: <http://www.RNA.org/handafellows>
- RCC applicants: <http://www.ReligionCommunicators.org/handa-fellows>

Application deadline: Nov. 6, 2015.

Fellows will be announced Nov. 10. Program spans November 2015 – October 2016.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM PARTNERS

Religion Communicators Council is an interfaith association of religion communicators who work in

print and electronic communication, marketing and in public relations. RCC was founded in 1929.

Religion Newswriters Association and its nonprofit arm, Religion Newswriters Foundation, are principally comprised of professionals who work for mainstream news outlets. RNA was founded in 1949, and it encourages coverage of religion that is accurate, balanced, civil and fair.

The fellowships are named after the global humanitarian Dr. Haruhisa Handa.

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