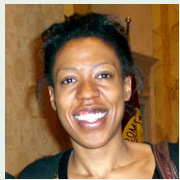


## BECOME AN ICWA MEMBER

ICWA is a vibrant community of Fellows and members who share our dedication to global understanding. You may become an ICWA member with a gift of \$100. Benefits include exclusive access to our Fellows' reports and invitations to special events and seminars.

**To become part of our exciting work, visit [icwa.org/join](http://icwa.org/join)**



“ My time as a Fellow in Morocco and France studying immigration's effect on European demographics was invaluable. I saw and experienced as I had never before. And for this, I will be forever supportive of ICWA.

—KAY DILDAY  
Journalist; ICWA Fellow in France and Morocco, 2006 to 2008

## DONATE TO ICWA

Through its selection, mentoring and support of Fellows, ICWA achieves its mission of identifying and developing rare potential. ICWA makes the most of the donations it receives. By supporting ICWA, you are participating in a long-standing and long-term endeavor whose dividends will be felt over years to come.

**Support us as we move into our next century of service, developing a new generation of leaders.**





“ When I was looking to go to Russia and study environmental issues, it's almost as if the ICWA Fellowship was exactly the magic grant that I needed. I remember reading the description and thinking, 'This cannot be true!'

—ELENA AGARKOVA  
Attorney, World Wildlife Fund Arctic Field Program;  
ICWA Fellow in Siberia, Russia, 2008 to 2010

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## MISSION

*ICWA's mission is to identify and cultivate rare potential by immersing promising young professionals in the study of a country, region or globally important issue, positioning them to become leaders in their fields.*

Through a unique two-year immersion program crafted over 90 years, the Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA) has transformed the lives and careers of emerging writers, academics, attorneys and diplomats, as well as experts from the fields of finance, policy and social activism. A prestigious ICWA Fellowship provides recipients with the rare gift of time and freedom to explore a region, research a topic and expand their ideas at a formative time in their lives. ICWA Fellowship recipients then join a growing community of distinguished professionals who make vital contributions to their fields.



*"I traded my job in corporate finance for a chance to understand rural poverty in Mexico as an ICWA Fellow. The direct result of my Fellowship is Root Capital, a company that has loaned over \$836 million to more than 570 businesses representing 1.2 million smallholder farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America.*

**—WILLY FOOTE**

Founder and CEO of Root Capital; ICWA Fellow in Mexico, 1995 to 1997



Photo by Tomás Conde Kemme in Granada, Spain

## IMMERSIVE GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS

ICWA Fellows are handpicked from a highly competitive applicant pool, with interests ranging from women's health, climate change and immigration to arts, politics, conflict and human rights. The traits they share are intense curiosity, a passion for exploration, and openness to new perspectives. ICWA supports Fellows for two full years of study without interruption in a location of their choosing outside the United States. This intensive immersion experience, free from deadlines and career pressures, enables ICWA Fellows to cultivate their talent and engage with their subject — and themselves — in ways that have a profound impact on their lives and careers.

While in the field, Fellows receive support and mentoring from ICWA staff, former Fellows and ICWA members. Through monthly newsletters, ICWA Fellows share their evolving insights and activities. These dispatches from the field are a valuable exercise in writing and reflection and provide a window into the Fellowship experience for ICWA members. After two years, ICWA Fellows return to the United States, ready to impart the lessons and concepts that their Fellowships have inspired.

### Apply for an ICWA Fellowship

ICWA provides two-year immersive fellowships for promising individuals early in their careers. The application begins with a letter of interest in which applicants briefly describe what they would do if they had a Fellowship, and why they're the right person to carry it out. If that resonates, they are invited to submit a full application.

**For complete details, visit [icwa.org/apply](https://icwa.org/apply)**



ICWA Fellow Scott Erich in Oman

## INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND ADVANCING UNDERSTANDING

Over nearly a century, ICWA has produced a steady roster of highly accomplished Fellows with a deeply developed global perspective who go on to distinguished careers in journalism, law, diplomacy, social activism, economic development and other fields.

ICWA was founded by Charles R. Crane, a friend and financial supporter of Woodrow Wilson and member of the U.S. delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference. In Versailles, Crane observed that the American delegates lacked the global awareness and knowledge of their British and French counterparts. He left determined to create a corps of broadminded young Americans who understood the world and could use that knowledge to shape U.S. policy. In 1925, he founded ICWA to make that vision a reality.

Crane's legacy is an Institute that invests in people, launching them on a lifelong journey of activism, innovation and leadership, and enabling them to make contributions felt over decades.



*"When I began my Fellowship I was an academic with a very narrow focus, but the ICWA experience broadened my horizons, exposing me to various dimensions of Chinese life.*

**—CHENG LI**

Director of the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution; ICWA Fellow in China, 1993 to 1995