

## BECOME A FELLOW

The [IPBES Fellowship Programme](#) is designed for early-career individuals. It encourages young contributors — normally up to the age of 35 — and builds a pool of future experts and ambassadors for IPBES and its work. As a fellow, you

- gain hands-on experience in major scientific assessments, systematic reviewing and the science–policy interface at a high level;
- receive dedicated training in international workshops;
- work with leading experts in your field, including a personal mentor;
- expand your social and professional network globally and
- get the opportunity to participate in joint projects and publications.

Fellows develop sections or parts of their assigned IPBES assessment, and are expected to participate in author meetings and training workshops; they are prominently listed in the final report.

Pradeep Kumar Dubey is a Program Manager at the World Resources Institute India. As an IPBES Fellow, he is working on Chapter 2 of the IPBES Nexus Assessment. The programme has already taken him to Germany, Kruger National Park in South Africa, and the United Nations office in Nairobi, Kenya; he is now looking forward to meeting fellows, experts, and other stakeholders in Japan and Nepal.

"I have been actively working on the indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) portion of the chapter and have contributed to the [figures and tables]. We also take part in annual in-person fellow workshops and have received support for capacity-building from the Technical Support Unit (TSU). It's an amazing opportunity to connect with people and see incredible locations, cultures, and food, in addition to getting together. Interestingly, the mentorship program for fellows gave me the chance to meet Prof. Pete Smith in person for the first time. Receiving his guidance for tasks related to the assessment and beyond has been incredible. I've had an amazing experience overall, and I'm trying to interact with people in ways apart from assessment. Lastly, it's a great opportunity to meet people, take up new skills, and take part in group activities."



IPBES Fellow Pradeep Kumar Dubey (personal photograph)

Selection for the IPBES Fellowship Programme is competitive. In addition to your application, you need to be nominated by a government or institution.

- To be nominated by the UK Government, you will either need to be a British National, or working in a British institution; for further details see the [JNCC website](#). To be nominated by another government — for example your home country as an international student — check with your [IPBES National Focal Point](#).
- Cambridge University is an IPBES Observer organisation, but institutions do not need to have any particular status with IPBES to nominate fellows.

For more details on the programme and the selection process, see the [official website](#). Right now, there are two opportunities to become an IPBES Fellow; the deadline for your application is **19 December 2023** and the deadline for nominations is **6 January 2024**.

IPBES is seeking fellows for

- the Monitoring Assessment, a methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people. For details, see the [official call](#).
- the Task Force on Scenarios and Models. For details, see the [official call](#).

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