

our mission

Empower the Pakistani
American community
+
Build bridges between the
United States and Pakistan



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Our History

The American Pakistan Foundation (APF) was founded in 2009 by Pakistani American community members who wanted to create a platform for giving back to Pakistan and to the United States. At the time, relations between the United States and Pakistan remained predominantly shaped by terrorism challenges in South Asia, the impact of which took a heavy toll on the bilateral relationship and on the identities of thousands of American citizens of Pakistani descent. The founding members of APF joined hands with American and Pakistani leaders from all walks of life to develop the first-ever 501(c)3 organization that would cultivate a nuanced and comprehensive approach to the connections between the two countries.

**Building Bridges.
Opening Minds.
Empowering Communities.**

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PAKISTAN
FOUNDATION**

APF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

our programs

APF runs three signature programs:

The APF Fellows Program provides Americans with exposure to Pakistan to sustain long-term professional, economic, and cultural connections between the United States and Pakistan. The program takes U.S. based students and professionals from diverse backgrounds to Pakistan for eight weeks during the summer to work in organizations advancing socio-economic development causes.

The APF @ the United Nations Program facilitates interactions between Pakistan civil society organizations and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) as part of the Civil Society Organizations (iCSO) System. It also provides opportunities for U.S.-based students and community organizations to contribute to UN dialogues on Pakistan.

The APF Mentorship and Internship Program provides opportunities for next generation leaders to learn from experienced professionals by matching mentors and internship hosts with mentees and interns across a variety of sectors throughout the United States.

WHAT DOES APF DO?

In addition to its three signature programs, APF also:

Convenes + participates in events with think tanks, educational institutions, businesses, and the public sector

Promotes the contributions and perspectives of Pakistanis and the Pakistani American community

Connects people + institutions in Pakistan and the United States for collaboration across multiple sectors



APF Fellows in Islamabad, Pakistan at offices of the National Rural Support Programme.

WHO IS PART OF APF?

APF is governed by a Board of Directors and led by a President. Programs and operations are managed by an amazing group of staff, volunteers, interns, and APF program alumni.

WHERE IS APF LOCATED?

APF leadership and staff are based in Washington, DC and New York City.



Former CNN journalist Kiran Khalid speaks to APF about leadership and careers in media.

HOW IS APF FUNDED?

APF is funded by the generous contributions of its Board of Directors and individual donations.

IS APF GOVERNMENT AFFILIATED?

APF is not affiliated with any government. It currently does not receive government funding. APF leadership engages the public sector when relevant to its mission.

DOES APF ENGAGE IN LOBBYING?

APF is non-partisan, does not take political sides on any policy issue, and does not engage in political lobbying of any kind.

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