Become an IPBES fellow!

Invitation to outstanding early-career individuals: apply to participate in the IPBES nexus and transformative change assessments through the IPBES fellowship programme.

How to apply?

1. Contact your organisation and/or the IPBES national focal point in your country to express your interest to become a fellow in the IPBES fellowship programme and ask them to be your nominator.

2. Fill out the application form and attach your curriculum vitae through the dedicated web portal (you need to have a user account on the IPBES website):

Nexus assessment:
https://ipbes.net/applications/nexus-fellows

Transformative change assessment:
https://ipbes.net/applications/transformative-change-fellows

Application deadline: 20 Sept. 2021
Nomination deadline: 27 Sept. 2021

The complete call for nominations of fellows can be found here: Notification EM/2021/19

What is IPBES?

- The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is an independent intergovernmental body, established by Governments in 2012 with currently 137 member States.

- IPBES does for biodiversity what the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) does for climate change.

- IPBES provides policymakers with objective scientific assessments about the state of knowledge regarding:
  - The planet’s biodiversity, ecosystems and their contributions to people
  - Tools & methods to protect and sustainably use these vital natural assets

The IPBES fellowship programme

- The IPBES fellowship programme provides an opportunity for outstanding early-career individuals from all backgrounds and disciplines working on biodiversity and ecosystem services to fully participate in IPBES assessments.

You should be:

- An early-career individual, indicatively not older than 35 years of age and preferably not more than 5-7 years after having completed your academic degree.

- Have multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary expertise, expertise in one or more disciplines of natural science, social science or the humanities, be an indigenous and local knowledge expert or have expertise in indigenous and local knowledge systems. Relevant scientific backgrounds are indicated in the call for nomination of fellows.

Commitments – You should ensure that you:

- Are able to make a commitment of 15% of your time in the assessment period;

- Have discussed your application and have it approved by your organization/institution before applying; and

- Are available to attend the author meetings of the assessment you are applying for.