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2022-2023 Kerr Fellows
The Kerr Fellows Program was established in 2010 in honor of the late Monsignor William A. Kerr (1940-2009) to assist international graduate students with demonstrated financial need. Although it is intended primarily for master's students, awards have occasionally been made to Ph.D. students for up to two years. In addition to documenting financial need, the fellowship's major requirement is enrollment in the Kerr Initiative's Intercultural Dialogue & Leadership seminar that is offered each summer.

The selection of Kerr Fellows is done by the Initiative's director in consultation with department chairs and faculty from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. Candidates for the awards are international students whose permanent residence is outside the United States. They are chosen on the basis of their academic achievements as well as their community development experience and leadership skills. (For highly qualified students who have not achieved the level of English proficiency required for admission to the university, the program provides up to eight months of intensive English instruction at FSU's Center for Intensive English Study).

The fellowships are generally awarded for two academic years. All recipients must make satisfactory progress toward their degrees as determined by their academic departments and corresponding colleges. Upon completion of their degrees, it is expected that graduates will return home and contribute to the development of their countries.
Ehsan is from Tehran, Iran's capital. At FSU, he is pursuing a Master’s in Civil Engineering with a concentration in construction. Before entering FSU, he earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Azad University. He also worked for 15 years as an Executive & Supervisory Engineer in Tehran. Upon completion of his degree, Ehsan plans to return to Iran with the goal of improving the construction phase of the building industry. He also aspires to form his own company and train future engineers in the latest construction techniques.

Harold is from Quibdo, Choco, one of the most economically depressed regions of Colombia. He is pursuing a Master's in Integrated Marketing Communication. As an undergraduate, he studied International Business at the University of Medellin. Before entering FSU, Harold was the General Coordinator and Broadcast Liaison Officer at CONCACAF, one of the 6 confederations of FIFA, the largest soccer company in the world. After graduation, he plans to resume working in the soccer industry.

Rachael is from the Nigerian state of Oyo. She is a first-year Master's student in the Department of Media and Communication Studies. She holds a Bachelor of Classical Studies degree. Rachael is the first woman in her family to complete a Master's program. She is determined to help young girls in Nigeria and elsewhere break the barrier of educational inequality. Her goal is to work with both government and non-government organizations to ensure that education is accessible to all people, regardless of age or gender.