

Essay Questions

Acumen Fund Fellows Program 2010-2011

It is highly recommended that you keep copy of essay questions for further selection process. Once you submit your essay you cannot receive a copy from the Tokyo Foundation or Acumen Fund.

The Essay Questions

Acumen Fund believes that global leaders of the next generation possess the following qualities: an inability to accept the status quo; a focus on being part of a larger community; the ability to take risks and to learn from failure; skills in negotiating complex situations in unfamiliar environments; imagination; self-reflection; and, most definitely, a sense of humor. Please answer each of the following questions so that Acumen Fund has a better sense of who you are, what you are passionate about, and how the fellowship will further your growth and development.

Please limit each of your responses to 1600 characters (approx. 250 words) or less.

Question 1: *Please describe how the Acumen Fund Fellowship fits into your life goals.*

Question 2: *Please describe a time when you overcame hardship or adversity through personal resilience. What was most difficult about this? What was most rewarding?*

Question 3: *Please describe a personal or professional situation you feel was not as successful as it could have been, and why. What might you have done differently? What did you learn from this experience?*

Question 4: *Please describe the role you believe entrepreneurship plays in eradicating poverty. Give a specific example of an initiative where you believe this has happened, and why you believe it was successful.*