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Redefining the Built Environment

The built environment is everything that is human-made in the natural world. In the ongoing Anthropocene era, our environment is overwhelmed and outweighed by the material output of human activities. As evident in cities across the globe, we are facing a crisis which requires a cadre of solutionaries - revolutionary thinkers with a bias towards innovation and action. Solutionaries who can learn together, work together and solve problems together.

However, cities are more than their buildings and infrastructure. We must also consider the socioeconomic and cultural dynamics of its citizens

when deciding their development strategies. City planning must adopt a multidisciplinary approach where teams reflect a combination of expertise in architecture, planning, design, engineering, social sciences, business, law, politics, sciences and as many other disciplines as possible.

Anant Fellowship, the flagship programme at the Anant National University, endeavours to train and empower a new generation of thought leaders and critical thinkers to rethink and redesign the built environment as redefined today.





Objective

While studying at the Anant Fellowship, Fellows can expect to develop:

A composite, well rounded understanding of the built environment

Capacities in critical thinking, entrepreneurship and research design

Collaboration skills and work with diverse teams to attain common goals

"I personally believe that for youth who love to solve complex problems there is no field today which is as exciting as the built environment."

Mr Ajay Piramal

President, AnantU
Chairman, Piramal Group

About Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment

A global programme that prepares and empowers solutionaries to design, build and preserve an equitable built environment. Since 2017, this one-year residential programme has trained more than 160 Fellows from across 6 continents and 18 countries. This Fellowship was designed by experts in academia and industry practitioners to provide Fellows with a hands-on experiential learning environment.

The curriculum is a dynamic combination of disciplines such as urban development and sustainability, art and culture, philosophy, social sciences, science and technology, design thinking, gender studies among others. Over the course of the year, Fellows are challenged to identify, research, design and implement a practical solution to a real-life problem in their local communities.

AnantU is located in the World Heritage City of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in western India. The city has a long tradition of rich heritage, design and architecture.



“AnantU is emerging as a shining example of an inclusive educational space bringing together students, faculty and community in an act of learning and designing solutions for our problems. Our pedagogy integrates tradition and contemporary development and sustainability, the individual and the collaboration. It defines who we are, what we do and how we learn.”

Dr Anunaya Chaubey
Provost, AnantU

Anant Fellowship

Starts
September

Ends
August

Language of Instruction
English

Degree Awarded
Post-Graduate Diploma in Built Environment

*All degrees are awarded by Anant National University, a University Grants Commission recognized university

Mode of delivery

On campus - Full time

Multidisciplinary Curriculum

8 Terms **6** Weeks Each

36 Multidisciplinary Modules

30 Fellows **6** Tracks

The multidisciplinary curriculum offers learning opportunities that widen the perspective of the Fellows and help build relevant skillsets, regardless of their past educational backgrounds and their future goals. The curriculum introduces concepts in the fields of design, architecture, technology, liberal arts and management amongst others.

1 Society and Culture

Understanding the built environment through the lens of history, anthropology, ecology, finance and gender

2 Fundamentals of the Built Environment

Essential concepts in architecture, urban design and urban planning

3 Language & Methodology

Techniques of mapping, analysis and communication in built environment studies

4 Design for Development

Understanding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the domain of the built environment

5 Self Growth & Leadership

Exploring values and strengths in leadership, empathy and critical thinking

6 Live Action Project (LAP)

Applying classroom learnings to develop innovative solutions to real life problems concerning the built environment



"I have gained multiple experiences with unique individuals who have different perspectives. The journey has helped me push my boundaries, work on my vulnerabilities and be aware of the social complexities".

Chintagunta Lavanya, Urban Planner, Anant Fellow '19

Academic Modules



Anant Fellowship builds key capacities in critical thinking, research design and entrepreneurship to enable Fellows to work within the built environment space. The modules at the Fellowship are taught by expert academicians and practitioners from across the world. Each module is designed to engage Fellows through thought exercises and robust discussions.

Art and Historical Perspectives

Dr Anunaya Chaubey

Provost, AnantU
PhD in English Literature, Patna University
Salzburg Global Fellow

Building Habits, Careers and Environments

Dr Pramath Raj Sinha

Founding Provost, AnantU
Founder and Chairman, Harappa Education; Founding Dean, ISB

Safeguarding Intangible Heritage / Sustainable Heritage Development

Dr Amareswar Galla

PhD in Asian Studies, Australian National University
Salzburg Global Fellow

Game Design

Akshay Roongta

MA in New Media, Aalto University, Helsinki

Design Thinking

Amit Gulati

M.Des in Industrial Design, National Institute of Design

Financial Perspectives

Ankur Kulshrestha

Doctoral Fellow, IIM Rohtak

Netflix and the Art of Design Writing

Aparna Piramal Rajee

MBA, Harvard University

Research Design

Dr Ashima Sood

PhD in Economics, Cornell University

Art in Everyday Life Spaces

Dr Bindu Bhadana

PhD in Transcultural Studies, University of Heidelberg

Emerging Leaders Programme

Gagan Sethi

MSW, MS University, Vadodara

Explorations in Life Space, Life Roles and Identity

Dr Indira Parikh

PhD, Gujarat University
Former Dean, IIM-Ahmedabad

Reflective Practices for Designers

Kartikeya Shastri

MEng, Cornell University

Vulnerability In the Built Environment

Dr Renu Desai

PhD in Architecture
University of California, Berkeley

Internet of Things (IoT)

Dr Rodolphe el-Khoury

PhD, Princeton University

Media and Visual Communication

Sanjeev Chatterjee

MA in Fine Arts, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York

Philosophy and the Built Environment

Dr Sundar Sarukkai

PhD, Purdue University

Gender, Women and Changing Society

Urvashi Butalia

Masters in South Asian Studies, University of London

Sustainable Architecture Design

Dr Benny Kuriakose

PhD, IIT, Madras

Cultural Tourism

Dr Vanessa Gaitree Gowreesunkar

PhD, University of Technology, Mauritius

Sustainable Business

Dr Miniya Chatterji

PhD, Sciences-Po

Writing for the Built Environment

Snehal Nagarsheth

Masters in Urban Design, CEPT University

Drawing for the Built Environment

Anubha Kakroo

M.Arch Industrial Design, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi

SDGs & Built Environment

Zeenat Niazi

M.Arch, McGill University

Cultural Economics and Entrepreneurship

Dr Subhalaxmi Mohapatra

PhD in Health Economics, Utkal University, Orissa

Interpersonal Dynamics

Amit Kumar

MSc in Computer and Information Science, Cleveland State University, Ohio

Unbuilding Architecture

Priyamwada Singh

M. Arch, Columbia University, New York

Sustainable Agriculture

Dr Aditya Parekh

PhD in Cancer Biology, IIT Kharagpur

Emerging Concepts in Housing

Dhaval Monani

MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship, IESE Business School

Climate Change and the Built Environment

Ruchie Kothari

MSc. in Sustainable Design, Carnegie Mellon University





Live-Action Project

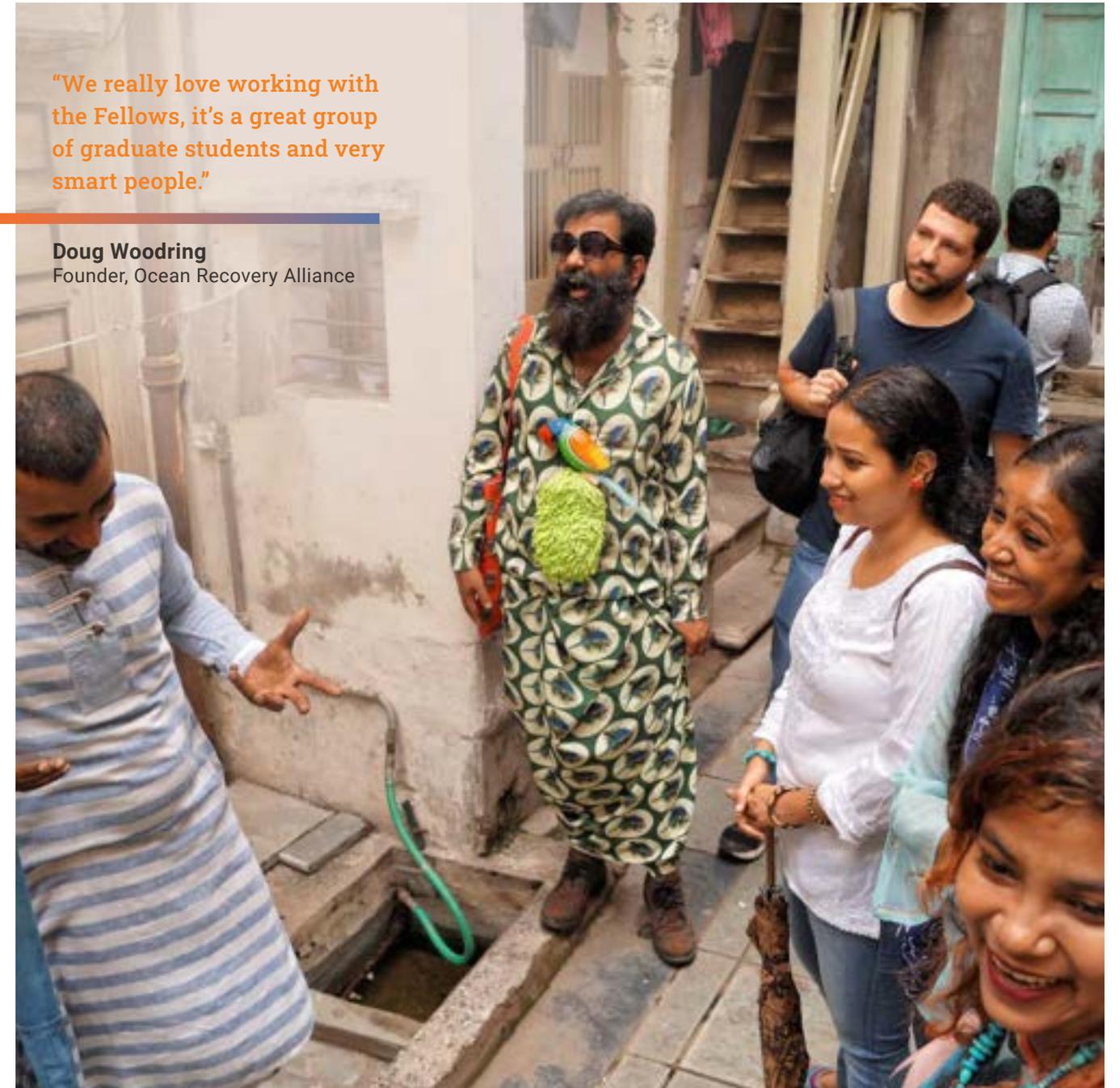
The Live-Action Project (LAP) is an eight-month long experiential track offered at Anant Fellowship. Here, the Fellows work in teams to propose an innovative, equitable and sustainable solution to a built environment problem. LAP is curated by the programme team, AnantU faculty, external clients and experts.

“Anant Fellowship is not a normal course of study. It is about giving a 360 degree perspective to the Fellows, as a result we get well rounded professionals in this sector.”

Manikandan KP
Institution Builder, Indian Housing Federation

“We really love working with the Fellows, it’s a great group of graduate students and very smart people.”

Doug Woodring
Founder, Ocean Recovery Alliance



Sustainable and Indigenous Centre for Collaborative Arts (SICCA) LAP 20-21



SICCA is a self-designed Live-Action Project by Fellows, which works with off-urban art centres and artists, especially with the last generation practitioners of their craft. Deeply rooted in traditional arts and architecture practices, the project organises artist residencies and experiential learning courses- along with documenting the artists and their work.

Untold Stories of Ahmedabad LAP 21-22



The project researches on unexplored cultural aspects of the heritage city and presents an impact assessment on their significance to tourism economy, society and environment. It aims to create a documentary film about people and places that embody the city through its untold stories.

“There is always more than meets the eye in a world perceived through tangible material culture and edifices. Untold Stories of Ahmedabad World Heritage City through its intangible heritage provide for reanimation and experiential learning of the invaluable built environment.”

Professor Dr Amaeswar Galla
UNESCO Chair on inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, AnantU

Sustainable Farming Project LAP 21-22



Conventional methods in agriculture are not sustainable. This project aims to understand different implications of agriculture and explore alternate processes and methods which are beneficial to both, people and environment.

Creating Child Friendly Cities LAP 21-22



A joint project with Janaagrah Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, the aim is to ensure that the youth's voice is included in city planning. The team will collect inputs from children, analyse and present their findings to the local government for action.

“Through LAP, we aim at bridging the divide between the built and natural environments. Additionally, we learn methods, mindset and tools to harness nature's genius and make more sustainable and resilient designs.”

Dr Jamie Miller
Founder, Biomimicry Frontiers

Global Network

Anant Fellowship brings together kind, committed and passionate critical thinkers from diverse backgrounds to solve built environment challenges. Since its launch in 2017, Anant Fellowship is now in its sixth edition with more than 150 Fellows across the globe. Their varied backgrounds and specialisations have enabled a rich cross-flow of ideas, experiences and effective approaches to solving global built environment problems.

160+ from 50+ of 18+
Fellows Cities Countries

INDIA | JAMAICA | BRAZIL | BANGLADESH | MOROCCO | KENYA NIGERIA
| CANADA | UNITED KINGDOM | EGYPT | SRI LANKA | IRAN AFGHANISTAN
| GHANA | MALAWI | ETHIOPIA | RWANDA | SIERRA LEONE

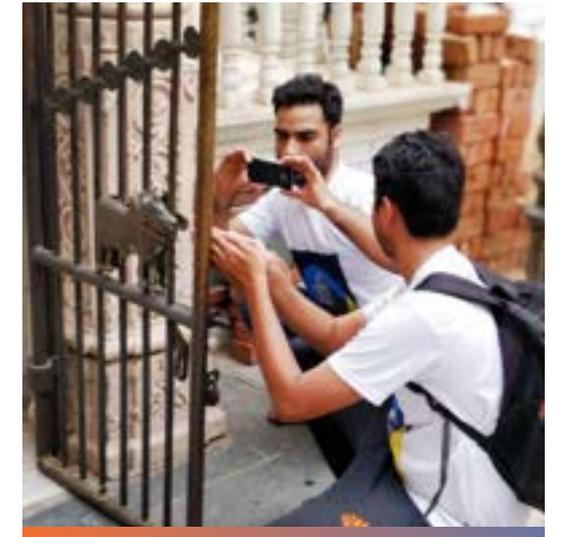
UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development



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The UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development at Anant National University is the first on Museums in the Asia Pacific region. It is second worldwide after Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris. Serving as a think tank and bridge-builder between academia, civil society, local communities, research and policy-making, this Chair promotes and supports the development of museum policies in the region.

UNESCO Chair offers two flagship courses on Safeguarding Intangible Heritage and Sustainable Heritage



Development through the Anant Fellowship programme. These modules introduce the Fellows to new perspectives through UNESCO standard-setting instruments. They are interdisciplinary and delivered with capacity building/professional development approaches, given the diverse disciplinary backgrounds of the Fellows.

Centre Director, Professor Dr Amareswar Galla is the UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, anchored in the ICICL at Anant National University.

It is the first such UNESCO Chair on Museums in the Asia Pacific and the second in the world after Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris.

Future Endeavours

Anant Fellowship has a rigorous career services and placement process designed to help Fellows find a pathway post the Fellowship. Fellows have gone on to pursue **higher education**; secure **job placements** with leading corporates and social sector enterprises; and begin their **entrepreneurial** journey.

M.Sc in Sustainability and Built Environment

At the end of the first year, Fellows can opt for an extended year focused on enabling innovative solutions for cities through technical expertise and critical thinking.

Higher Education



Top Recruiters



Alumni Community

Anant Fellows keep coming back to the Fellowship and contribute to shaping it further. They support and collaborate with the ongoing cohort through networking, mentorship and workshops.

“It was an exploratory experience! Collaboration with peers, tutors and industry experts helped me develop new approaches to think and design”.

Arun Biswanath, Architect, Anant Fellow '20



Become an Anant Fellow



Admission Process

1. Complete your application online and submit before the given deadline
2. Successful applicants will be invited for 2 rounds of interviews
 - a. Telephonic interview
 - b. Panel Interview (On campus/Online)

Eligibility

1. Undergraduate degree in any discipline
2. Commitment to improving the built environment

Programme Fee and Financial Aid

Tuition:
INR 5,00,000*

Accommodation:
INR 1,75,000 to 2,50,000*
(subject to availability)

Total:
INR 7,50,000

Scholarship

Need-based scholarships are offered to deserving candidates.

* Applicable for the AY 2024-25 cohort

Visit our website at
admissions.anu.edu.in

Partnerships



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Affordable Housing

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