



# INTERNATIONAL EMPOWERMENT COHORT (IEC)

*Students Helping Students  
Reach Their Full Potential*



## What is the International Empowerment Cohort (IEC)?

The International Empowerment Cohort is a select group of highly-driven and kingdom-minded high school student leaders based in the United States who will build and deploy creative solutions to empower children in India, partnering with As Our Own.

You will work together to help young boys and girls receive love, care, and the highest caliber education. Through the As Our Own International School, a top-tier English-language school in India, children from vulnerable backgrounds will be cared for, educated, and empowered so they may reach their full God-given potential. You will serve as their advocate, champion, and voice here in the United States to help bring change for them in India.

## Who can participate?

Eligible applicants must be in high school up through freshman year of college. Successful candidates will be appointed for a term of 1 year, beginning in the fall, with an option to be appointed for additional terms.

### Criteria of Applicants:

- Cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Actively involved in a local church
- Commitment to academic excellence
- Passionate about empowering the vulnerable
- Support from parent(s)/guardian(s)



## What should you expect as a member of the Cohort?

### Learning

Through the Cohort, you will have the opportunity to do research and learn from experts to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing the most vulnerable children in India and the catalytic and high-impact processes for empowering them. Additionally you will partner with the staff and students at the As Our Own International School to bridge cross-cultural collaboration and best understand their needs.

### Visiting

Members will be encouraged to travel to India to learn about the culture, education system, demographics, career paths, and more. This trip will allow you to see first hand the opportunities available to children in various socio-economic groups and how Kingdom-minded work and education can impact lives for generations for God's glory. During your trip you will visit the As Our Own International School, and you will engage with local students in India to better understand cultural nuances and business infrastructure, build international bonds, and more.

### Leading

- Create, present, and implement project proposals and fundraising initiatives to help As Our Own empower the students at the As Our Own International School in India.
- Report on project milestones, progress and provide regular updates to the As Our Own leadership team.

### Serving

- Work with the International School staff and students to bring empowerment to vulnerable children in the neighboring communities.
- Work with the As Our Own Leadership team in identifying and overcoming roadblocks and challenges.

### Advocating

- Represent the mission of As Our Own to those within your sphere of influence by spreading awareness and engaging others to join your efforts.
- Cohort members will be a direct representation of As Our Own Ministry to their local community, church, school, and other organizations. Behavior reflective of the mission will be expected.



“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” —MATTHEW 25:40

# How to Apply

## 1. Complete application form.

Download form at [www.AsOurOwn.org/take-action/cohort](http://www.AsOurOwn.org/take-action/cohort).

## 2. Write responses to the following questions:

- *Why do you want to serve?*
- *What are the deeper challenges and processes in empowering vulnerable children?*
- *Define "success" when caring for vulnerable children and compare/contrast that with expectations for your personal achievements?*
- *How would you help someone empower themselves?*
- *How have you been empowered?*
- *Have you ever done work similar to As Our Own? If so, how were you impacted by it and what did you learn?*

## 3. Make 1 visual expression.

It could be a video, poster, infographic chart, PowerPoint presentation, art piece, etc. The visual expression should highlight the challenges for vulnerable children and/or opportunities to impact their lives.

## 4. Provide at least 2 written reference letters speaking to your character.

It may be from any of the following:

- Parent/Grandparent/Guardian
- Friend
- Teacher/Administrator
- Pastor

## 5. Schedule a 30-minute interview:

By e-mail: [Cohort@asourown.org](mailto:Cohort@asourown.org)

By phone: 713-936-5758

Dates:

- Monday, October 10, 3:30–7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 12, 3:30–7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Interview location:

As Our Own office (1717 St. James Place, Suite 220)

## 6. Submit application materials by October 7.

Mail or e-mail completed application, question responses, visual expressions, and reference letters to:

As Our Own  
1717 St. James Place, Suite 220  
Houston, Texas 77056

Or

[Cohort@asourown.org](mailto:Cohort@asourown.org)



### Important Dates

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| Application Due          | October 7   |
| Members Notification     | October 21  |
| 1st Cohort Board Meeting | November 3  |
| 2nd Cohort Board Meeting | December 8  |
| 3rd Cohort Board Meeting | February 23 |
| 4th Cohort Board Meeting | April 20    |
| India Trip Dates         | June 15–25  |

**Vision** Transform the way the world cares for vulnerable children.

**Mission** Fulfill the sovereign purpose God has for vulnerable children in India, caring for them as our own, for life.



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