



omprakash

• 2016 Annual Report •

• *facilitating relationships, dialogue & learning between social change agents around the world* •

Dear friends and supporters,

April 2017

As we reflect on 2016 and what it meant for Omprakash, we face a paradox: we achieved **tremendous growth** in our educational impact and financial sustainability even while broader **geopolitical shifts** challenged our sense of momentum. Nationalism, xenophobia, and the politics of fear are on the rise, and although these trends are troubling, they only deepen our commitment to our core mission: building mutually beneficial relationships that transcend differences of nation and culture for the sake of raising consciousness, disrupting oppression, and empowering agents of social change. This work feels more vital than ever, and we wholeheartedly thank you for being part of the community that makes it possible.

Looking back on 2016, we feel most proud of the following five achievements:

1 Roaring past projections, earned revenue covered 50% of our total expenditure in 2016 — a two-fold improvement over 2015 — as EdGE revenue grew by 63%. EdGE (**E**ducation through **G**lobal **E**ngagement) is our online learning platform and a growing pillar of our financial sustainability. In 2016, **we offered custom-built accredited EdGE programs in cooperation with nine universities in the U.S. and Canada, as well as an open-enrollment cohort for gap year students and others around the world.** We also launched new EdGE partnerships with Global Citizens Initiative and Child Family Health International, US-based non-profits which provide experiential educational opportunities to nearly a thousand students per year. EdGE is about raising consciousness: challenging students to question their assumptions and develop more nuanced understandings of what it means to ‘do good’ in the contexts where they live and work, both at home and abroad.

2 We welcomed 19 new Partner organizations into the network, out of nearly 200 that applied. The work of these new Partners includes peacebuilding in Bosnia, youth empowerment in northeast India, refugee education in Uganda, and microfinance in the Dominican Republic. Our network of grassroots social impact organizations now includes **170 Partners in 37 countries, and we continue to amplify their work** by connecting them with volunteers, interns, donors, and each other.

3 At the 2016 Reimagine Higher Education Awards hosted by UPenn Wharton, EdGE was honored for its innovative contributions in Hybrid Learning, Social Sciences, and Social Enterprise – making Omprakash the **only organization to win medals in three categories** at this prestigious event.

4 The generosity of a donor infused new life into our grantmaking abilities. Our **Ethical Global Engagement Grants** now offer EdGE scholarships, travel funding, and crowdfund matching grants to learners who would otherwise struggle to access transformative opportunities within our network.

5 We launched a brand new website and a brand new EdGE platform, years in the making. Stretching every dollar and every waking hour to the limit, we have achieved a technological prowess that can **drop jaws in Silicon Valley**. Honestly. A Salesforce executive — upon seeing how we've leveraged their nonprofit license to manage crowdfunding campaigns, EdGE classrooms and so much more — said his "mind is blown." In turn, Salesforce **featured us on their blog**.

2017 is already well underway, and we look forward to new relationships, challenges, and opportunities. Our team now includes four full-time staff, four part-time staff, and over 30 EdGE Mentors —including four Rhodes Scholars — who come from various walks of life to work with our EdGE students and support our international Partners. We all work remotely and convene in our digital home: Omprakash.

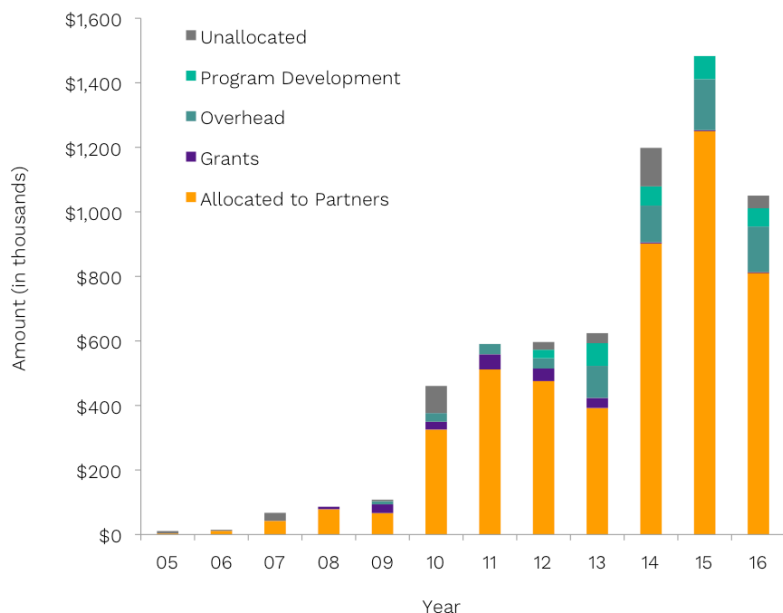
The world we inhabit is one of tension and uncertainty. Omprakash is the crucible through which we are working to forge something better and stronger and more beautiful, and the ongoing generosity of our donors is crucial to this project. We invite you to learn more and contribute to our efforts at www.omprakash.org, and we thank you in advance for your commitment to our shared vision.

With gratitude,

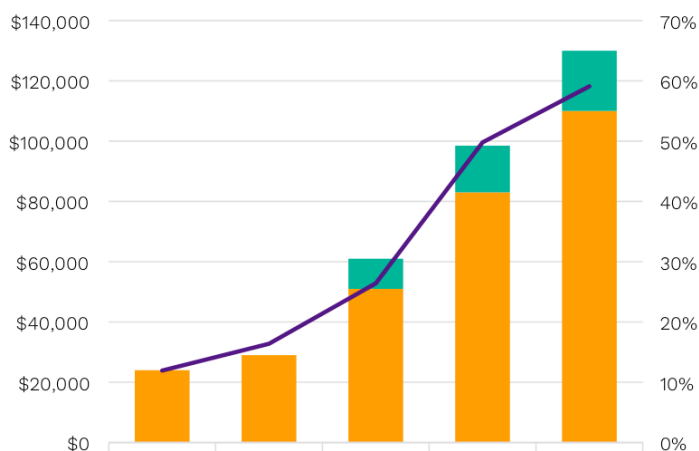


The Omprakash Team

Annual Revenue & Allocation of Funds



Earned Revenue as % of Total Expenditure



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 Projected
Fees on Donations to Partners	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$15,500	\$20,000
EdGE Revenue	\$24,000	\$29,000	\$51,000	\$83,000	\$110,000
Earned Revenue as % of Total Expenditure	12%	16%	26%	50%	59%



FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY



Some of the universities & organizations
currently utilizing EdGE...



A few of our EdGE Mentors...

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Evan **Easton-Calabria**
PhD Candidate @
U of Oxford



Mario **Corea**
After-school ESL
Coordinator in Atlanta



Jess **Wamala**
Rhodes Scholar &
Peace Corps



Kavita **Dattani**
Programmes Officer @
British Asian Trust



Mayme **Lefurgey**
PhD Candidate @
U of Western Ontario

Meet an Ethical Global Engagement Grant Winner



Khadijah **McCaskill**

“ If I receive the EdGE Global Engagement grant, I will be an example of how radicalizing one's own life is the first step to creating tangible solutions for addressing global issues. I combine my varied life experiences as an ESL teacher, after school program director, art gallery educator, and activist to create learning experiences that inspire and motivate people to find their own freedoms. As a sociologist, I seek to understand the perspectives of those who are usually considered 'other.' Omprakash and I are very aligned in this respect. In the current political climate, individuals and organizations with this focus on empathy and interculturalism are crucial to our health as a global community. The Global Engagement Grant will allow me to pursue my ultimate career goal by exposing me to organizations that already provides previously inaccessible educational opportunities to students who need them most.

Excerpt from Khadijah's Grant Application

