



The Campus Y's Global Engagement Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill

The Global Engagement Fellowship (GEF) supports UNC Chapel Hill undergraduate students to conduct international social-justice oriented, summer projects. This fellowship is administered by UNC's Campus Y - The Center for Social Justice and Social Innovation. For years, students within the Y and at Carolina have shown a commitment to engaging with communities, to address social injustices locally and around the world. This fellowship is open to all UNC undergraduate students; however, it prioritizes students who are active at the Campus Y. The Campus Y is committed to opening-access to global experiences; students who may not otherwise pursue or have the means to afford a global engagement experience are encouraged to apply. The number and amount of awards will depend on the students' proposed budgets. Students may receive up to \$2,500. The average number of recipients is four per year.

The Fellowship provides resources to support students in summer global experiences that are enriching for them and for the communities they visit. Project design can vary by approach or topic, and may focus on things such as: collaborative community engagement ("community-service"), relationship building with a community partner, solidarity organizing, skill building or learning about a topic of interest with a specific goal in mind. Projects can be self-designed or associated with an ongoing effort or program in the country of interest, however GEF prioritizes "out of the box", independent thinking and creative projects. Projects should incorporate three main tenants: collaboration with a **community-based organization** in the chosen country, engaging in a way that promotes **social justice**, connecting the **global experience to local action**.

This fellowship also prioritizes applicants who are considering the **ethical implications** of their project and who are dedicated to engaging in preparation and training events before departure. Recipients will be asked to attend Campus Y Global Circle Workshops, Global Speaker Series events, and UNC's **GO!** (Global Orientation on Culture and Ethics.) Students are also expected to seek ongoing mentorship from an experienced person in their field / region of interest (mentor should be external from host organizations). During travel, they are asked to report back to Campus Y staff about their progress. Upon return, they will participate in reentry reflection, that they will share with their peers at the Y or on UNC's campus.

Selection: The Campus Y puts together an internal selection committee, made up of staff and student leaders who have knowledge and experience in global projects. This team undergoes an internal selection process and interviews with the candidates. The committee considers the following when deciding whether to grant the fellowship:

- **Project description** - Proposal clearly details the goals and activities planned.
- **Feasibility** – Time frame and project goals are clear, realistic, and feasible.
- **Community partnership with community based organization / group** - Community partner was consulted and is an active participant in the project planning.
- **Impact on the student**–Project will impact the student in ways that will further applicant's community involvement as well as personal growth, studies, and/or career plans.
- **Impact on the community partner** - Project will have a positive impact on the host community and/or organization.
- **Budget** - Budget is sufficiently detailed, realistic, and appropriate, given the stated goals.
- **Ethics of project** –Applicant can explain how they are considering ethics and potential dilemmas, and how they will seek out mentorship and expertise to guide them, before & during travel.

- **Global to local / back to campus** – Proposal explains how student plans to bring the experience back to the Campus Y or to campus.
- **Social Justice** – The project promotes social justice values and action.
- **Opening access** – This fellowship is meant to open access to students who otherwise may not pursue or have the means to afford a global engagement experience.
- **Funding Impact** – GEF strives to make as much impact as possible, with each disbursement. Although students can pair GEF funding with other funding sources to meet budget needs, students are discouraged from requesting GEF funding to support expensive, fee-based, third party provider programs.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application will include the following materials:

- One completed application form
- One-page resume that highlights relevant coursework, language skills, previous experiences related to the project, and involvement with the Campus Y (if applicable)
- A letter of support from the community partner

After the submission deadline has passed, competitive applicants will be invited to pitch the proposed project to the selection panel in middle to late February. Recipients will be notified by the beginning of March. Recipients of the GEF must fulfill the following requirements, which are intended to enrich their global engagement experience:

- Secure on-campus mentor(s), who possess expertise in their field / region of interest
- Attend pre-departure and reentry workshop & speaker events hosted by Campus Y Global
- Attend **GO!** Global Orientation on Culture and Ethics – all day April 2nd, 2016
- Prepare and maintain a storytelling project onsite (e.g. blog, documentary, photography) and report back to Y staff, during their time abroad
- Present on their experience during the fall semester following the project

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals may apply for the Fellowship if they:

- Are an undergraduate student enrolled at UNC Chapel Hill
- Will return to UNC in the fall following their global engagement experience
- Would not otherwise pursue or have the means to afford the engagement experience
- Eligible experiences must be confirmed by the time the student applies for GEF
- Projects must take place during the summer months

Proposed experiences are not required to be affiliated with a student organization. Applicants from all over the University are welcomed to apply; however, preference will be given to applications with connection to the Campus Y. For questions regarding GEF please contact Erin Krauss at ekrauss@email.unc.edu. Applications are open between Jan. 17th Feb. 15th and can be found on the Campus Y's website: <http://campus-y.unc.edu>

APPLICATION

1. The Student

Name:

Class:

Major(s):

Minor(s):

Email:

PID:

Cell Phone:

2. The Partner

Community Partner/Organization Name:

Website:

Location(s):(e.g. city, state, country)

Community Contact Name:

Email Address:

Phone #:

If any of the above requested information is not available, please explain below.

3. Project Description

Describe your project. In 1,000 words or less, please describe the - *who, what, when, where, and why and how* of your project. Try to be clear and concise.

- **Who** are the people involved in this project (e.g. Students, faculty, committees, community partner, community members)? What are the roles of each individual/group?
- **What** is the overall purpose of your project? What are the goals of your project? What activities will you carry out, to meet your goals?
- **When** will your project take place? Please provide dates and a timeline of activities.
- **Where** will your project take place and why did you choose this place? Describe the community, and how it's connected to the project.
- **Why** are you motivated to do this project? Why is this project important, to you and to all involved? What impact do you imagine the project having on your community-partner and on you, and why does this matter? Why / how does this project promote social justice?
- **How** will you make your project happen? What materials & resources, will be needed for your project? What skills & knowledge will be necessary to carry out the project? What will you need to prepare before departing to start your project? What ethical issues and challenges can you expect, and how will you overcome them?

Community based partner. In 300 words, describe the community partner (their mission, history, and background), how you became connected to them, what your relationship is like, and what your communication has been about project development. Please also tell us about how they are organized and their leadership structure (is leadership local to the host community / the host country, or is it foreign leadership? Who makes decisions and runs the organization?)

Mentorship. In 100 words or less, please explain how you are seeking mentorship from a person / people with expertise in your field and/or region of interest. Be specific.

Connecting "Global to Local." In 250 words or less, please tell us about how you plan to connect this global experience to the Campus Y and/or the UNC-CH community and beyond.

4. Budget and Additional Funding

Project budget. Please include the anticipated budget. Both personal expenses and project expenses can be included, as well as who is responsible for covering these costs (e.g. you, the community partner, a student organization, etc.)

Other funding. What other funding sources have you received and/or applied for to fund this experience? If you have received an award, please state the amount. Will you be able to participate in your proposed experience without the GEF's support? Please elaborate. Limit 100 words.

5. Additional Materials

Letter of Support. Please submit a letter of support from the community partner.

Resume. Please submit a one-page resume. The resume submitted should highlight involvement with the Campus Y (if applicable), relevant coursework, language skills and previous experiences or community service that qualify the applicant for the **particular experience** that is being proposed.

**Please send completed application to Erin Krauss, Global Civic Engagement Coordinator at the Y ekrauss@email.unc.edu Applications are due by Feb. 15th 2016 at 5pm.*