You’ve had a life-changing experience...so how is your life going to change?

We hope the journey that has taken you from applying to GESI to completing your time in-country has revolutionized your mindset and transformed how you think about your world and yourself. Now, we want to help you convert your “GESI experience” into a lifestyle that keeps you engaged with the communities, issues, and places about which you are passionate.

In this packet, you will find resources to help you continue on this path. Whether it is finding a meaningful internship, getting your work published, or applying to post-graduate fellowships and job opportunities, the options for staying engaged are abundant and varied. Every boldfaced opportunity in the following pages is linked to a website—so click away!

Keep in touch! Your relationships with the GESI program and GESI staff don’t end here. We are always available to answer questions, give guidance, and listen to “where-do-I-go-from-here” identity crises.
GESI Alumni Networking

GESI doesn’t end with the Final Reflection Summit...

GESI is more than a study abroad program. It’s a community of passionate young people with a wealth of experiences and interests. After seven days of intensive training and eight weeks of on-the-ground experiential learning, you’re increasingly equipped with the capacity to transform your ideas into action.

In the spirit of productive collaboration, GESI has created a variety of spaces for alumni to stay connected and take their ideas to the next level.

get educated.

- Aid Thoughts blog
- Center for Global Development blogs
- CGAP’s Microfinance blog
- Change.org: track the issues you are most interested in, find relevant NGOs and read insightful blogs on these topics; the site also enables you to search and donate to 1000’s of NGOs (and each NGO has a job posting page!)
- Chris Blattman’s blog
- Development Drums: podcast about international development and the fight against poverty
- Development Impact (World Bank)
- Devex.com: subscribe to a daily digest of development-related news
- Global Development news from the Guardian
- Global Health Hub
- Harvard Business Review blogs
- Innovations for Poverty Action blog
- Stanford Social Innovation Review: blogs and podcasts
- UN Wire: daily digest of development-related news
- bloodandmilk.org

get involved.

Fundraise (try Facebook, Kiva, Change.org, and a host of other sites). Join a student advocacy group. Get involved in refugee work. Connect with the NU Community on Human Rights, GlobeMed or Global Engagement Summit (apply to be a delegate or join the staff!). Apply for Buffett-affiliated grants like Davis Projects for Peace, which enables undergraduates to design “projects for peace” during the summer months.

get connected

Follow GESI & CGE’s Social Media

- Buffett Institute on Facebook (for articles, research, and global events)
- Global Engagement E-Newsletter signup (for up-to-date lists of events, internships, job opportunities, etc.)
Help find the next generation of GESI participants!

Your stories are powerful. Your experiences are valuable. We need your help to recruit the most passionate and well-qualified GESI participants from your school. Here’s how you can help:

1. **Your stories.** Over the next few weeks and months, we’ll be emailing you and asking your permission to share your GESI story with interested students. We might ask you to write a blurb or share something from a blog post, open letter, or evaluation that you’ve already written for us.

2. **Your photos.** Send us your photos! If you can add a description, that’d be great!

3. **Your friends.** Help us get the word out to people who are as cool and passionate as you are! We’ll be asking you for friends, colleagues, professors, or other student leaders & groups who might be interested in hearing about GESI this year.

4. **Your campus.** If we meet a student interested in GESI 2017 from your school, we may ask you to email them or even meet them for a GESI-sponsored coffee date!

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**Be a Student Instructor for GESI 2017!**

**As a Student Instructor, you will contribute to GESI participants’ learning experience by:**

- Providing students with academic and personal support.
- Assisting in teaching activities, facilitating group discussions, helping to foster strong group dynamics, and performing related duties at the Pre-Departure Learning Summit.
- Preparing feedback on GESI students’ weekly reports throughout the summer.
- Completing logistical duties as needed.

**We will provide you with:**

- Training prior to the Pre-Departure Learning Summit so that you can best support GESI participants at the individual and group levels.
- A small stipend.
- A small travel reimbursement for non-Northwestern students.
- Meals and lodging in Chicago during the Summit.

Interested in mentoring and engaging GESI 2017 participants? Let us know on your program evaluation and stay tuned for an application invitation in the spring.
Congratulations on completing your experience with FSD! For nearly 20 years, FSD has supported more than 1,000 community development initiatives in 6 countries, made possible by you and our more than 250 community partners. You’re now an integral part of FSD’s network of more than 3,000 alumni, including award-winning scholars and leaders in the corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors.

Here are five ways you can extend your impact, build connections, and stay up to date with FSD’s work on the cutting edge of sustainable development:

• **Share your story.**

  We love to feature project summaries, Q&As, alumni profiles, 6-Word Memoirs, photos, videos, and more. If you’re interested in sharing your experience with FSD and your partner organization, send an email to media@fsdinternational.org.

• **Connect online.**

  We maintain active profiles on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#). Like or follow in your preferred channels to get FSD’s unique blend of international development news, career opportunities, updates on community partners and intern projects, and news from the San Francisco home office. We love to see your enthusiasm in likes, shares, and comments!

• **Lead a group.**

  Experience has shown that program alumni make some of the best group leaders. We would love to work with you again, and alumni who recruit seven or more Global Service Trip participants pay no program fees! If you’re interested in leading a GST, send an email to programs@fsdinternational.org.

• **Refer a friend.**

  If you know someone who would be a good fit for one of our programs ([Intern Abroad](#), [Global Service Trip](#), [Gap Year](#), or [ProCorps](#)), send them the link! For every confirmed referral, we will donate $300 to a community partner organization of your choice. To learn more, send an email to programs@fsdinternational.org.

• **Volunteer in San Francisco.**

  Our home office internship program provides training and experience in Marketing, Programs, University Partnerships, Translation, and more. Learn more about open positions and how to apply on our [internships page](#).

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Social Entrepreneur Corps Opportunities

Alumni are invited to join the Social Entrepreneur Corps and Community Enterprise Solutions Facebook groups, where they can connect with other alums and keep up to date on what’s happening in country.

Alumni are also welcome to consider becoming a Campus Ambassador. Campus Ambassadors are tasked with being the face of Social Entrepreneur Corps on their campus—posting publicity, holding information sessions, talking to interested students, and anything else the Ambassador wants to do to promote the Social Entrepreneur Corps internship opportunity. If you are interested in the position, please contact us at info@socialentrepreneurcorps.com.

Alumni also have the opportunity to sign up to complete virtual work for the programs in which they participated. This may be anything from “microwork” that could take a few hours up to a more full-time virtual internship if the opportunity arises.

Social Entrepreneur Corps invites graduating alumni to apply for short- and longer-term field staff positions with the New Development Solutions Group team. Typically, more employment opportunities arise for Summer and Fall start dates, but alumni are invited to inquire about opportunities at any point. For Dominican Republic specifically, please contact Country Director Daniel Malin at danielmalin@cesolutions.org. For information on other countries, please contact Co-Founder and Vice President George Glickley at georgebglickley@socialentrepreneurcorps.com.

Alumni may also form student groups to attend winter or spring break trips back to their sites or other Social Entrepreneur Corps countries. Based on assembling a certain minimum number of students, alumni can potentially take part in the trip at no cost.

Social Entrepreneur Corps leadership may also be asked to provide recommendations for alumni and, subject to time constraints, can provide mentoring and networking support.
Research and Fellowships
dig deeper

Why should I apply for a fellowship?

Why not? Fellowships are gateways to a myriad of next steps, whatever those may be for you: graduate school, travel abroad, research, language acquisition, development or policy internships, and more. If you do your research about the opportunities available and think critically about your aspirations and plans, a fellowship can be the most effective and exciting way to place yourself where you want to be. The process of articulating and pursuing these goals is invaluable, as well. Finally, a fellowship follows you for life. The network of people and resources you acquire by joining a fellowship community will offer a venue for your development during the term of the fellowship and for the rest of your career.

Where to Start

The Office of Fellowships at your home institution is definitely the best place to look for Fellowships; the Office for Undergraduate Research (Northwestern Office of Fellowships) is the first stop when looking for research opportunities and funding. Also, don’t miss the list of academic and literary journals on page 7 of this packet.

Additionally, FSD’s technical training programs are academically recognized, building partnerships and a strong reputation for GESI alumni. Contact alumni@fsdinternational.org if you would like them to introduce you to key contacts at prominent graduate schools.

Search Engines/Databases

• Campus Compact: Frequently updated list of grants & fellowships.
• FastWeb, Scholarship Hunter: Scholarship search engines (include grad school)
• International Education Financial Aid, IIEPassport Study Abroad Funding: Funding to study abroad.

Research Conferences

• African Studies Association
• ASIANetwork: Consortium of over 170 liberal arts colleges in North America dedicated to promoting Asian studies; supports undergrad research on topics affecting Asia.
• Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)
• National Women’s Studies Association: Women’s studies in educational and social transformation.
• Undergraduate Research Conference for Human Sciences
• Unite for Sight: Global Heath & Innovation Conference.

Resources for Grants/Funding

• The Foundation Center: Searchable links to grant-makers.
• The Grantsmanship Center

Select Fellowships

• Fulbright Program The largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students and professionals to undertake international study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide.
• Rhodes Scholarships Funds graduate studies at the University of Oxford (which has a graduate program in International Development).
• US-Ireland Alliance Fellowship The George J. Mitchell Scholarship is a national post-graduate fellowship awarded for one year of study at an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland.
• Watson Fellowship A one year grant for independent study and travel outside the U.S. awarded to graduating college seniors nominated by participating institutions.
• American Indian Foundation, William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India This 10-month fellowship enables committed individuals to make a deep impact in the development sector by working at a grassroots level with various NGOs striving to advance social and economic change in India.
• The Gates Cambridge Scholarships Full cost scholarships for students from outside the UK to pursue graduate study and research at Cambridge.
• Sadie Nash Leadership Project The ELLA Fellowship Program is a unique leadership opportunity for young women aged 16-22. The purpose of the fellowship is to encourage the leadership of young activists by providing them with the opportunity to conceptualize a project, the resources to implement it, and the support to analyze, evaluate, and learn from it.
• Princeton in Africa Fellowship Princeton in Africa matches talented and passionate college graduates with our partners working across Africa for yearlong service projects.
• Princeton in Asia Fellowship
• Princeton in Latin America Fellowship
Publishing Opportunities
have your voice heard

Think about how much you’ve already written!

**Blogs, emails, journal entries, thousands of digital photos...**many of you have already made an effort to record your journey and the insights you have collected along the way. Those thoughts are valuable and fascinating for people who have not traveled abroad -- consider submitting them to your local newspaper or campus publication as op eds. or guest columns. Look for photo contests (some are listed below). Also, take the time to review your weekly reports, journals, and blogs looking for the themes that have intrigued you all summer. Consider a research project exploring those issues!

**Publications Focusing on the “Abroad Experience”**

- **Critique**: worldwide student journal of politics.
- **Eldis Poverty Reporter**: Development policy, practice and research; share with over 80,000 development practitioners.
- **Frontiers**: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad.
- **Transitions Abroad**: Stories about living, studying, and working abroad; annual Student Writing Contest.
- **Verge Magazine online**: Magazine for exploring opportunities to study, work and volunteer abroad; accepts stories and photos regarding specific areas, travel as education, the environment, and international development issues.

**Blogging Opportunities**

- **Global Voices**: Community of more than 200 bloggers around the world who work together to publish translations and reports from blogs and citizen media everywhere, with emphasis on voices that are not ordinarily heard in international mainstream media; includes blogs, articles, podcasts, photographs, etc.

**Photography Contests**

- **National Geographic Traveler**
- **Photo Life**

**Academic/Literary Journals**

Note that some require formalized research projects, but others do not. All accept undergraduate contributions.

- **Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research**: The journal is dedicated to publishing intellectual and reflective work by undergraduates on service learning, community-based research, and all related curriculum- and/or research-based public community engagement activities.
Internships make it meaningful

Search Engines & Databases

- International Development Certificate at Georgetown University: A large database of international development internships & career opportunities, categorized by region and issue area.
- Idealist.org

International Internships

- FSD Intern Abroad: Complete an internship in sustainable development at any of their 10 sites around the world. Work individually with an NGO in a sector that fits your interest while living with a host family.
- Verge Magazine: Find overseas jobs, volunteer opportunities, and study abroad opportunities.
- International Internships Overview (at University of Michigan): Tons of resources for finding an internship abroad and making the most of it.
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- Oxfam
- The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership
- Points of Light Foundation: National clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities.

International Volunteer Organizations

- American Friends Service Committee
- Amigos de las Américas (volunteer in Latin America)
- CARE Corps Abroad
- Child Family Health International
- Cross-Cultural Solutions
- Concern Worldwide
- Habitat for Humanity
- Global Volunteers
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- OxFam
- The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership
- Peace Corps
- Project HOPE
- Save the Children
- Shanti Project
- University of Minnesota Learning Abroad Center
- Visions in Action
- Volunteers for Peace (VFP)
- World Teach
- YMCA/YWCA
- Points of Light Foundation
- National clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities.

Domestic Internships

- The Field Museum in Chicago
- Media Education Foundation: MEF offers internships for undergraduate students each term, including the summer; interns at MEF will gain experience in media education, production, and activism.
- Second Harvest: The largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States, Second Harvest supplies the needy with one billion pounds of food a year; Second Harvest provides food for those who are hungry due to poverty and those affected by natural disaster.
- Smithsonian Institution: Offers a variety of internships. Its internship website also contains links to internship opportunities at a number of other museums.
- Institute for Policy Studies: Internships in a number of policy areas including drug policy, foreign policy, inequality and the common good, and other justice issues.
- USAID: The main U.S. government aid organization offers internships in all of its departments.
- U.S. Department of State: U.S. State Department internships in foreign affairs environment.
- United Nations: Headquarters Internship Program and links to additional UN offices and programs.
How to use these links:

Many organizations on these lists (including the volunteer opportunities on the previous page as well as these career opportunities) are made up of full-time staff, interns, and volunteers. Research, research, and research some more--don’t miss an organization just because it is listed here as a volunteer agency and you are looking for full-time work. Someone has to coordinate all those volunteers, and it could be you!

Professional Resume-Building:

Strengthen your resume by becoming a Group Leader on a Service Learning Trip (SLT). Through this excellent opportunity to build planning and administration skills, Group Leaders collaborate with FSD staff to ensure that all projects and activities contribute to the learning experience of participants while meeting community needs and achieving project outcomes. Group Leaders program fees are covered by FSD. Email alumni@fsdinternational.org to learn more.

Start your job search at the FSD Job Resource Center. Here you will find resume building tips, strategies for finding a job, links to job postings, listservs, and networking tools.

The following University websites are great starting places to help you understand how to use your international experience in your job search and how to conduct an international job (or internship) search. These sites also list relevant opportunities for students and recent graduates.

- Go Global
- University of Michigan’s International Center
- How to Sell Your Overseas Experience to Employers

Useful Listservs:

- World Learning’s Job Announcement and Professional Networking Listserv
- International Development Studies Listserv (through McGill University)
- Young Nonprofit Professionals Network
- OneWorld.net: Enter job criteria and get emails for postings that fit.
- GoAbroad.com: Site for job postings, internships, study opportunities, etc.
- The Young Women’s Project: For DC-based women, but useful notices for career and networking events as well as jobs.

Development & Aid Agencies; Think Tanks

- Development Alternatives, Inc.
- United Nations Development Programme
- Chemonics: Int’l dev’t consulting.
- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- Australian Agency for International Development
- CARE International: International humanitarian agency.
- MercyCorps
- Oxfam
- UNAIDS: United Nations program on AIDS.
- The World Bank
- World Health Organization
- Save the Children
- Habitat for Humanity
- American Refugee Committee
- Center for Global Development
- Center for International Private Enterprise
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- CHF International
- Counterpart
- Overseas Development Institute

Getting involved with Oxfam:

Visit www.oxfamamerica.org and click ‘Take Action’ to learn more. This section includes information on online actions, campus activities, volunteering with Oxfam, and working for Oxfam. University students are especially encouraged to start an Oxfam club or apply to the CHANGE Initiative. The expense-paid training is held in Boston every July.

“Stay Connected With Rotary”

Rotary has numerous opportunities for young leaders to take action in their communities and around the world.

Rotaract: Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out.

Rotary Peace Fellowships: Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

Communications Internships: Rotary has internship opportunities in the Communications section during the academic year and over the summer. Please contact Bryant.Brownlee@rotary.org for more information.

Visit www.rotary.org to start your Rotary journey.
Chicago Opportunities

Jobs, internships, & volunteering

Education & Youth

- 826CHI
- Spark
- City Year
- Girl Forward
- Urban Prep Charter Academy
- Alternatives, Inc.
- Umoja
- Collegiate Scholars
- Posse Foundation
- National Latino Education Institute
- Christopher House
- Youth and Opportunities United (YOU)
- Books & Breakfast Program
- Idealist.org

Arts & Media

- Free Spirit Media
- Free Street Theatre
- Albany Park Theatre Project
- Young Chicago Authors

Microfinance & Economic Empowerment

- Inspiration Corporation/Inspiration Cafe
- Sarah’s Circle
- LIFT Chicago

Northwestern Opportunities

- Center for Leadership
- Peer Inclusion Educators

Community Health

- Chicago Commons:
- Pilsen Wellness Center
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- NU Settlement House
- Project Vida
- AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- Growing Home
- The Night Ministry
- Heartland Alliance
- Cornerstone Community Outreach

Internationally-Focused

- Southeast Asia Center
- Apna Ghar
- American Indian Center
- RefugeeONE
- Heartland Alliance
- Pan-African Association