GLOBAL GAP YEAR FELLOWSHIP
A Year of Public Service, a Lifetime of Global Citizenship

If you could dedicate a year between high school and college – a “gap year” – to public service anywhere in the world, where would you go? UNC Chapel Hill’s Global Gap Year Fellowship annually supports seven incoming first-year students as they explore international affairs and global citizenship.

The Fellowship provides financial support for an international gap year that combines work, travel, and volunteer service for a minimum of 6 months. The Fellowship will be awarded on a competitive basis to first-year students who apply to UNC and are admitted for Fall 2014 admission for the Early Action deadline, plan to enroll at UNC, and are interested in deferring their enrollment for one year in order to have a “gap” experience. The Fellowship will provide up to $7,500 toward travel, living expenses, and other associated costs. The Global Gap Year Fellowship seeks diverse applicants who are eager to explore the world and who are not afraid to challenge themselves.

The Fellowship will be jointly administered by UNC Chapel Hill’s Campus Y and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, with additional support from a student group called UNC’s Gap Year People (GAPPL), comprised by undergraduate leaders who have completed gap years. The Campus Y, the center for social justice and a core part of the Division of Student Affairs at UNC, will house the program and provide support. The Campus Y will help students throughout this process—before their departure, during their travels, and as they integrate their experience into their education at Carolina.

You do not need to have a specific proposal for your gap year prior to applying. Conversely, the application itself requires you to think about where you might like to go and what you might like to do. All selected Fellows will be required to participate in an all-expense paid Global Orientation on Ethics and Culture (GO!) at UNC Chapel Hill the weekend of April 4-6, 2014. Fellows will have time at GO! to prepare and brainstorm for their gap years. This event will also give the Fellows the opportunity to meet faculty, students and staff, and learn more about international research and service opportunities awaiting them at Carolina.

The Carolina community has been challenged by our Chancellor to strive to solve our world’s most pressing problems. The Global Gap Year Fellowship offers incoming first year students a head start on that mission and the opportunity to become global change-makers.

For more information, please visit the Global Gap Year Fellowship page and/or e-mail us at globalgap@unc.edu

Sincerely,

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GLOBAL GAP YEAR FELLOWSHIP: APPLICATION TIMELINE

Part One: APPLICATION
Read through the application instructions and complete the online application and supplementary information by Friday, February 21, 2014 at 5 p.m EST. Please note the application does not allow you to save and must be completed all in one sitting.

Finalists will be notified by the end of the business day on February 28, 2014.

Part Two: INTERVIEWS
During the week of March 3, the Global Gap Fellowship Team will conduct phone interviews with all finalists. These interviews, along with the initial application, will be used to select the Fellowship recipients.

Part Three: FINAL NOTIFICATION
Fellowship recipients will be notified by the end of the business day on March 7, 2014. If accepted, a notice will also go to parents/guardians. Recipients will have until 8:00 a.m. March 18, 2014 to accept the Fellowship’s offer.

Part Four: GLOBAL ORIENTATION ON ETHICS AND CULTURE (GO!)
All Fellows are required to participate in the Global Orientation on Ethics and Culture (GO!), which will take place on April 4-6, 2014. The Fellowship will pay for all meals, travel, and accommodations. At this event, members of the Global Gap Fellowship Team will work with the Fellows to plan their gap year. If the Fellow already has an idea of what he or she would like to do, GO! will provide an opportunity to help solidify those plans.
GLOBAL GAP YEAR FELLOWSHIP: APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Section 1: CANDIDATE PROFILE

Provide basic biographical and contact information. If you have over two weeks of international travel experience, you will be asked where, for how long, your means of travel, and the purpose of travel.

Section 2: FUN FACTS

You will answer each of the questions below in less than 100 words:
Favorite quotes
Top 3 passions in life
30-second elevator speech describing who you are
Most meaningful relationship you have had
If you could instantly acquire one talent, what would it be?
If you were a kitchen utensil, what would you be and why?

Section 3: SELF-ASSESSMENT

You will be asked to rank each skill below from 1 – 5, according to the scale provided. Please be candid as there is no “right” ranking.

1 – weak    2 – below average    3 – average    4 – above average    5 – excellent

List of skills:
- Imagining solutions
- Organization
- Public speaking
- Listening to others
- Leadership
- Overcoming challenges
- Prioritizing tasks and goals
- Motivating others
- Creative thinking
- Time management
- Communicating with peers
- Reflecting on past experiences
- Accepting feedback
- Providing feedback to others
- Use of technology and new media
- Financial management and responsibility
Of the skills that you ranked 1-3, please choose three and provide specific examples of each in three sentences or less. For skills that you ranked 4 or 5, please choose three and provide a two-sentence description of why you consider this to be one of your strongest skills.

Section 4: SHORT ANSWER QUESTION #1

*Please respond to this question in its entirety. Supply concrete details where necessary. 500 words maximum*

**Cross-Cultural Understanding:** One of the most exciting parts of international travel is cross-cultural interaction with new communities; what do you hope to learn from the communities you visit and what do you hope they will learn from you?

Section 5: SHORT ANSWER QUESTION #2

*Please respond to this question in its entirety. Supply concrete details where necessary. 500 words maximum*

**Challenging Situations:** What is the most difficult situation you have faced and how did you tackle it?

Section 6: GAP YEAR

*Please respond to this question in its entirety. Supply concrete details where necessary.*

**What do you want to do with your global gap year?** The Fellowship award is $7,500 with a minimum 6-month service commitment abroad. Some past fellows have supplemented their award in order to extend their service and travels. Think of this question as a chance to dive into the idea of a gap year. Your responses will NOT tie you to any activity, location, or action if awarded the fellowship. If you have any questions, please ask at globalgap@unc.edu.

Sections:

a. Describe an issue you have been passionate about and that you are actually engaged with in high school. (250 words max)
b. Why is public service an important part of your gap year experience? (250 words max)
c. What global issue (s) do you intend to explore on your gap year? (250 words max)
d. Are you interested in exploring one our Global Gap Year Fellowship partner programs? Link: http://campus-y.unc.edu/get-involved/global-programs/ggyf-partnerships (250 words max)
e. Construct a best estimate of your gap year budget.
f. If your plan requires extra funds in excess of the $7500 fellowship, explain how you plan to obtain them (250 words max)
Section 7: LONG ESSAY QUESTION

Please craft an essay that responds to the following prompt. You answer should be no more than 800 words.

Global Citizenship: How will this opportunity facilitate your growth as a global citizen on various levels, such as intellectually, academically, professionally, and personally?

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The supplementary information consists of a letter of recommendation and a 1-page resume that highlights your extracurricular and service activities. Both of these are to be emailed to globalgap@unc.edu by Friday, February 21, 2014 at 5 p.m. Your application will not be considered complete without these.

Please provide a letter of recommendation from someone who has supervised you in an educational, professional, or community service environment and can provide greater insight into your preparedness for the Global Gap Year Fellowship. It is important to share information about the Fellowship with your recommender, so that they have a better understanding of the demands of the program.

Your recommender may submit the letter directly to the selection committee by emailing it to globalgap@unc.edu.