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# Fellowship Application Webinar

January 08, 2022



*“I definitely felt that shift in perspective. All of a sudden, I felt a responsibility to create change on a larger scale.” – Eita, 2018*



*“Changemaking always seems very inaccessible when you’re young...the entire GCI program is meant to help you manifest those ideas into reality. The GCI faculty and the mentors and the entire team can support you and help you create a ‘glocal’ service project out of that big ambitious idea.” – Chaitanya, 2019*



# Global Citizens Initiative



***We empower young global citizens from all sectors of society to be lifelong leaders of positive change.***



# The GCI Fellowship

## 10 MONTH FELLOWSHIP



**Summit**

*9 days*



**July 23 –  
31, 2022**

*\*inclusive of arrival &  
departure dates*



**Mentorship  
&  
“Glocal”  
Service Projects**

*9 months*



**August 2022  
– April 2023**

## AMBASSADORSHIP



**Lifelong  
Engagement  
and Community**

*Lifelong*



**May 2023  
and beyond**



# The GCI Fellowship: Eligibility

- ✓ Current freshmen, sophomores or juniors in secondary school
- ✓ 16-19 years old by July 23, 2022
- ✓ committed to the full 10-month Fellowship, including attending the Summit in Scotland (July 23 - 31, 2022) in its entirety
- ✓ English proficiency to fully participate in discussions and conscientiously complete homework readings





# Fellowship 2022 Admissions Timeline



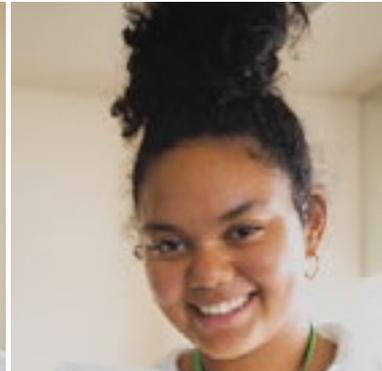
**NOV 22  
2021**  
12:00AM ET

**Application opens!**



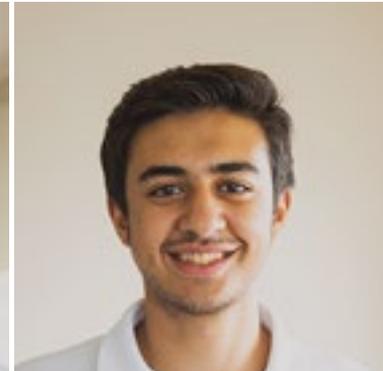
**JAN 31  
2022**  
11:59PM ET

**Application deadline**  
All application materials, including recommendations & parent/guardian forms, must be submitted



**MAR 18  
2022**  
11:59PM ET

**Admissions decisions sent**



**MAR 25  
2022**  
11:59PM ET

**Commitment to enroll due**



**APR 18  
2022**  
11:59PM ET

**Enrollment forms & tuition due**



# Fellowship Application Components

- ✓ Eligibility form
  - ✓ Fellowship applicant information
  - ✓ 4 essays
  - ✓ 1-minute introductory video
  - ✓ Teacher recommendation
  - ✓ Second recommendation
  - ✓ Mid-year school report for 2021-2022
  - ✓ Final school report for 2020-2021
  - ✓ School reports for other years (optional)
  - ✓ Photo ID
  - ✓ English language ability test scores (if applicable)
  - ✓ Application fee: US\$30.00 (waived if applying for financial aid)
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## “Collaborator Only” Tasks

- ✓ Parent/guardian information
- ✓ Financial Aid Form and supporting documents (if applicable)





# Eligibility Form

SurveyMonkey Apply works best on a laptop or desktop. We recommend that you do not try to complete your application on a mobile device.

**First-Time Users:** Click "View Programs" on this page, followed by "Fill out eligibility form" on the next page to let us know whether you are:

- a secondary school student interested in applying for the GCI Fellowship,
- a secondary school educator or administrator interested in applying for the GCI Seminar, or
- a professional applying to be a Mentor in the GCI Mentorship Program.

**Returning Applicants:** Click "CONTINUE" on the listed application, to be able to return to and complete your application.

**Parents/Guardians for Applicants, only:** The Fellowship application requires not only the applicant, but also at least one parent/guardian to fill out the various forms.

- The applicant will be referred to as the Owner, and tasks where only the applicant may answer the questions or submit documents are referred to as "Owner only" tasks.
- The parent/guardian will be referred to as the Collaborator, and tasks where only the parent/guardian may answer the questions or submit documents are referred to as "Collaborator only" tasks. The applicant will need to invite their parent/guardian by email after creating their own application.
- Either the applicant or the parent/guardian may complete tasks that do not have this distinction.

No applications.

Please choose a program from our program listings page to get started

[View programs](#)



To get started, fill out your eligibility profile

[Fill out eligibility profile](#)

✓ After you register for the GCI Admissions Portal, powered by SurveyMonkey Apply, the first step is to complete your Eligibility Form. This will give you access to the Fellowship Application, if you meet the age and grade requirements.



# Eligibility Form



## GCI Programs 2022 Eligibility

Please complete this form to gain access to the application for the GCI Program you are eligible for. **Please note this is not the full application form.**

### I am...

- A secondary school student applying to be a Fellow in the GCI Fellowship
- A secondary school teacher or administrator applying to be a Seminar Educator in the GCI Seminar for Educators
- A professional applying to be a Mentor in the GCI Mentorship Program

### Date of Birth

For the GCI Fellowship 2022, if your date of birth falls within the following range, you are eligible to apply: July 24, 2002 to July 23, 2006.

*Timezone is requested as a temporary solution to a SurveyMonkey Apply glitch. Please answer with "(-05:00) Eastern time (US & Canada)", even if this is not your actual timezone.*

Timezone

### In Fall 2022, what grade in secondary school will you be in?

Kindly choose the US equivalent to your grade, if your secondary school system is different.

### How did you find out about GCI?

Select all that apply.

- GCI Fellowship Alum, please specify who:
- GCI Seminar Alum, please specify who:
- GCI Website
- GCI email newsletter
- School announcement
- Teacher
- Friend

- ✓ To apply for the Fellowship, make sure you check the correct program
- ✓ Enter you date of birth, and make note of the Timezone field, which should be entered as “(-05:00) Eastern time (US & Canada) even if this is not your actual timezone.
- ✓ Enter the grade you will be entering after the Summit in the fall.



# Fellowship Applicant Information

GCI Admissions Portal

Programs My Applications Your Name

0 of 9 required tasks complete

Last edited: Jan 3 2022 02:25 PM (EST)

REVIEW SUBMIT

Deadline: Jan 31 2022 11:59 PM (EST)

MRK Test (Owner)  
m.r.k.test17+screenshots@gmail.com

Add collaborator

The GCI Fellowship 2022

Full Legal Name

ID: fellowship2022,-0000000049 Status: Application In Progress

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Your tasks

- Fellowship Applicant Information  
Owner only task
- Parent/Guardian Information  
Cannot be started at this time | Collaborator only task
- Essays  
Cannot be started at this time | Owner only task
- 1-Minute Introductory Video  
Cannot be started at this time | Owner only task
- Teacher Recommendation  
Cannot be started at this time | Owner only task
- Second Recommendation  
Cannot be started at this time | Owner only task
- Mid-Year School Report for the 2021-2022 School Year  
Cannot be started at this time
- End of Year School Report for the 2020-2021 School Year  
Cannot be started at this time
- (Optional) School Reports for Other Academic Years (optional)  
Cannot be started at this time
- Photo ID  
Cannot be started at this time | Owner only task

- ✓ The first task in the application is called the Fellowship Applicant Information form - you will need to complete this form before you will be able to work on any other tasks.
- ✓ Note that this is the task where you will first indicate if you need financial assistance to attend the program and/or if you need to submit English language ability test scores.



# Parent/Guardian Information

- ✓ At least 1 Parent or Guardian will need to create a separate account that is added to the student's application. This is known as a "collaborator". The applicant is known as the "owner".
  - If it would be helpful for you to sit with your parents and translate or type for them, then you may do so as long as you use their Collaborator account.
- ✓ Parent/Guardian will need to complete the following:
  - Parent contact information
  - If applying for financial aid, the parent/guardian will need to complete the form and supporting documents
- ✓ Parent/Guardian can help complete the following:
  - Can submit school report documents, if student does not have access while completing the application
  - Can pay the application fee, if applicant is not applying for financial aid



# Parent/Guardian Information

The screenshot shows the GCI Admissions Portal interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Programs', 'My Applications', and 'Your Name'. The main content area displays 'The GCI Fellowship 2022' application with a 'Full Legal Name' section and a 'Your tasks' list. The 'Your tasks' list includes 'Fellowship Applicant Information' (Owner only task) and 'Parent/Guardian Information' (Cannot be started at this time | Collaborator only task). A green arrow points to the 'Add collaborator' button in the left sidebar. Another green arrow points to the 'SEND INVITE' button in the 'Collaborators' modal form.

**Collaborators**

The application requires not only the applicant, but also at least one parent/guardian to fill out the various forms. Kindly add their email(s) as "collaborators" in order for them to do so.

- The applicant to the GCI Fellowship will be referred to as the Owner, and tasks where only the applicant may answer the questions or submit documents are referred to as "Owner only" tasks.
- The parent/guardian will be referred to as the Collaborator, and tasks where only the parent/guardian may answer the questions or submit documents are referred to as "Collaborator only" tasks. The applicant will need to invite their parent/guardian by email to complete these tasks.
- Either the applicant or the parent/guardian may complete tasks that do not have this distinction.

Email address of collaborators Separate addresses by commas

Type of access  
 View & edit  View only

Message (optional)

**SEND INVITE**

- ✓ Add your Parent/Guardian as a Collaborator from within your application using the "Add collaborator" button on the left sidebar
- ✓ Make sure to provide them View & Edit access, so that they can complete the tasks
- ✓ Your Parent/Guardian will need to click the Join link from the email invitation they receive after you hit "Send Invite"
- ✓ If your Parent/Guardian tries to create an account separately from this step, the system will not know to connect them to your application



# Recommendations

- ✓ 2 recommendations
  - One must be from a teacher
  - The second can be from a teacher, head of school, current or former employer/supervisor, extracurricular instructor, etc.

The screenshot shows the GCI Admissions Portal interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the text "GCI Admissions Portal" on the left and "Programs", "My Applications", and "Your Name" on the right. Below this is a sidebar on the left containing a list of application tasks: "Fellowship Applicant Information" (checked), "Parent/Guardian Information", "Essays", "1-Minute Introductory Video", "Teacher Recommendation" (highlighted with a green bar and a right-pointing arrow), and "Second Recommendation". The main content area displays the "Teacher Recommendation" task. It includes a title "Teacher Recommendation" with a thumbs-up icon and a menu icon. Below the title is a section for "Task instructions" with a "Hide" link. The instructions state: "This letter of recommendation **must be from a teacher**. We recommend that you follow up with your recommender in person or via separate email. If they say they have not yet received the email from the SurveyMonkey Apply system, you can ask them to check their junk mail." It also says: "Please contact your recommenders as early as possible to allow them sufficient time to write and submit your letter of recommendation. Recommendations must be submitted before you review and submit your full application prior to the application deadline." A bolded instruction follows: "Below we have provided a template that you may copy and paste into the email you send to your recommender:". The template text is: "Dear TEACHER, I am applying to the GCI Fellowship Program, which includes the in-person Summit taking place July 23 - 31, 2022 and would very much appreciate a recommendation from you. You can find out more information about the program at www.globalci.org The deadline is Monday, January 31, 2022. I hope this is acceptable with your timeline. Sincerely, YOUR NAME". At the bottom, a partial sentence reads: "Once we receive the letter from your recommender this task will automatically be marked as".



# Recommendations

Send recommendation

**Task instructions** [Hide](#)

This letter of recommendation **must be from a teacher**. We recommend that you follow up with your recommender in person or via separate email. If they say they have not yet received the email from the SurveyMonkey Apply system, you can ask them to check their junk mail.

Please contact your recommenders as early as possible to allow them sufficient time to write and submit your letter of recommendation. Recommendations must be submitted before you review and submit your full application prior to the application deadline.

Below we have provided a template that you may copy and paste into the email you send to your recommender:

Dear TEACHER,  
I am applying to the GCI Fellowship Program, which includes the in-person Summit taking place July 23 - 31, 2022 and would very much appreciate a recommendation from you. You can find out more information about the program at [www.globalcici.org](http://www.globalcici.org)  
The deadline is Monday, January 31, 2022. I hope this is acceptable with your timeline.  
Sincerely,  
YOUR NAME

*Once we receive the letter from your recommender this task will automatically be marked as complete. Once all tasks, including recommendations, are marked as complete, you will be able to review and submit your application.*

First name

Last name

Email

Message

[CANCEL](#) [SEND REQUEST](#)

- ✓ Request your recommendation by entering the recommender's email in each task. The recommender will receive an invitation email with a link to register or login to the system.
- ✓ Once your recommender has completed their form, the task will automatically complete for you.



# Financial Aid Application

- ✓ The tuition for the GCI Fellowship is US\$5,900, this includes Summit room and board, all Summit transportation and pick up and drop off at the Edinburgh airport (EDI) or train station. This does not cover roundtrip airfare to Scotland.
- ✓ We have a limited amount of need-based financial aid. If a student requires financial support to attend the GCI Fellowship, it must be applied for during this initial application. The Parent/Guardian will need to complete the form and provide supporting documents.
  - If it would be helpful for you to sit with your parents and translate or type for them, then you may do so as long as it is using their Collaborator account.
- ✓ We provide both full and partial financial aid, based on the student's need shown in this portion of the application. There is also space to indicate financial need related to travel costs.
- ✓ If you apply for financial aid, the US\$30 application fee is automatically waived.



# Financial Aid Application

The screenshot displays the GCI Admissions Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'GCI Admissions Portal', 'Programs', 'My Applications', and 'Your Name'. The main content area is titled 'Financial Aid Form' and is marked as 'Read only'. A prominent message states: 'This task must be completed by a collaborator. If you have not added any collaborators to your application, add one now and optionally include a short email. Your parent, guardian or household's primary income provider must complete this form and supply the required supporting documents, as a "collaborator".' Below this message is an 'Add collaborator' button and a 'Task instructions Hide' link. The instructions specify that the applicant's parent, guardian, or household's primary income provider must complete the form and provide supporting documents. A 'Fellowship Financial Aid Form' section is visible, with sub-sections for 'HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION' and 'FINANCIAL AID INSTRUCTIONS'. The 'FINANCIAL AID INSTRUCTIONS' section explains that GCI provides need-based financial aid and that applicants must have their parent or guardian complete the form. On the left side of the portal, a sidebar shows a list of tasks: 'Fellowship Applicant Information' (completed), 'Parent/Guardian Information', 'Essays', '1-Minute Introductory Video', 'Teacher Recommendation', and 'Second Recommendation'. A progress bar indicates '1 of 12 required tasks complete'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there are 'REVIEW' and 'SUBMIT' buttons, along with a deadline: 'Deadline: Jan 31 2022 11:59 PM (EST)'.

- ✓ To apply for financial aid, first make sure you indicated need in the Fellowship Applicant Information task.
- ✓ Parent/Guardian will need to complete, as a Collaborator: **Financial Aid Form & Supporting Documents for Household's Primary Income Provider** and, if applicable, the same for a Secondary Income Provider
  - Accepted documentation: US 2020 Tax Returns, Non-US 2020 Tax Returns/Forms, or any similar documentation that verifies the primary providers income and assets



# English Language Proficiency

- ✓ Official test score from standardized English proficiency test
  - ✓ Accepted exams include but are not limited to: TOEFL iBT, TOIEC Speaking and Writing, Eiken Exam, IELTS, Duolingo English Test
  - ✓ If submitting scores from an exam other than the TOEFL iBT, you must include an official rubric comparing the equivalent TOEFL iBT score

## 1. Indicate your English language proficiency in the Fellowship Applicant Information task:

### For TOEFL iBT scores:

### For all other scores:

Is English your first language and/or your school's primary language of instruction?

Yes  No

Clear

Please enter the name of the standardized test you have taken to measure your fluency in English.

We recommend the TOEFL iBT exam, but accept other accredited exams, such as the TOIEC Speaking and Writing Test, Eiken Exam, IELTS or Duolingo English Test, etc. If you have taken an exam other than the TOEFL iBT, we require that you include an additional page at the end of your official test score submission with an official rubric reflecting the equivalent TOEFL iBT score.

You must tell us your score as part of the eligibility form. After you complete this form, you will be asked to upload your official score as part of your application.

TOEFL iBT

Other, please specify:

Clear

Please enter your official TOEFL iBT exam score. You will be asked to upload your official exam score later in the application.

Please note that a good score does not guarantee acceptance into the Fellowship.

Is English your first language and/or your school's primary language of instruction?

Yes  No

Clear

Please enter the name of the standardized test you have taken to measure your fluency in English.

We recommend the TOEFL iBT exam, but accept other accredited exams, such as the TOIEC Speaking and Writing Test, Eiken Exam, IELTS or Duolingo English Test, etc. If you have taken an exam other than the TOEFL iBT, we require that you include an additional page at the end of your official test score submission with an official rubric reflecting the equivalent TOEFL iBT score.

You must tell us your score as part of the eligibility form. After you complete this form, you will be asked to upload your official score as part of your application.

TOEFL iBT

Other, please specify:

Clear

Please enter your official exam score. As you took an exam other than the TOEFL iBT, please also enter the official TOEFL iBT equivalent to your score. You will be asked to upload your official exam score and official comparison rubric to the TOEFL iBT score later in the application.

Please note that a good score does not guarantee acceptance into the Fellowship.

Exam Score

TOEFL iBT Score

## 2. Upload your scores in the separate task:

GCI Admissions Portal

Programs My Applications Your Name

English Language Ability Test Scores

Task instructions [Hide](#)

Please upload your official test score for the standardized test you have taken to measure your fluency in English (TOEFL iBT or other accredited English Language exam such as the TOIEC Speaking and Writing, Eiken Exam, IELTS, Duolingo English Test, etc.). The official test report should match the score that you indicated in the Applicant Information form. Accepted file format: PDF, only.

If you have taken an exam other than the TOEFL iBT, we require that you include an additional page at the end of your official test score submission with an official rubric reflecting the equivalent TOEFL iBT score.

Please note that a good score does not guarantee acceptance into the Fellowship.

Remember to click on "Mark as complete" at the bottom of this page once the upload is done in order to complete this task.

[ATTACH FILE](#)

[Show accepted formats](#)

[REVIEW](#) [SUBMIT](#) [MARK AS COMPLETE](#)

Deadline: Jan 31 2022 11:59 PM (EST)



# Application Essays & Video Prompt

1. How has your family, however you define family, influenced your values and character?
2. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome and/or what did you learn from the experience?
3. Review a book, poem, song, play or film that has had a transformative effect on you.
4. Indicate two of the United Nations Sustainable Development goals that represent challenges or opportunities within your local community. Choose one of the goals you listed and describe the challenges or opportunities as it relates to your local community. Think about the people, places and systems that are affected.

## 1-minute video prompt:

Share an aspect of your background or identity, or passion or talent of yours that is so meaningful that you believe your application would be incomplete without it and tell us why.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. How do I save my progress? How do I edit a task I already completed?

### Saving Instructions

To continue editing this task, you can select "Save & Continue Editing" and return at a later date. To submit this task, select "Mark as Complete".

SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING

MARK AS COMPLETE



Fellowship Applicant Information

Completed Jan 3 2022 04:36 PM (EST)



 Task instructions [Hide](#)

The application requires not only the applicant, but also at least one parent to complete the various forms.

Download

Reset

Edit



# Frequently Asked Questions

## 2. What does GCI accept for the school reports?

- ✓ Your school report or transcript must include the grades requested in the specific task: your grades up to this point for the current academic year (2021-2022), all of your final grades for the last academic year (2020-2021), and optionally any previous grades
- ✓ If your report does not include a rubric or grading scale, append a page that explains the scale as the last page of your document
- ✓ Counselor's signature and/or school seal is preferred, but not required
- ✓ File format: PDF





# Frequently Asked Questions

## 3. Do I need to translate any documents?

- ✓ Any documents not in English must be submitted with an English translation and the original document combined into one upload
- ✓ The English translation may be completed by the applicant
- ✓ You do not need to pay for official translation services, but you may if you would prefer to





# Frequently Asked Questions

## 4. If I apply for financial aid, will it affect my chances of being accepted?

- ✓ GCI provides only need-based financial aid for tuition and/or travel. We are “need aware”, meaning that we do consider an applicant’s ability to pay in our admissions decisions. This enables us to create a global cohort from all sectors of society and all walks of life each year.
- ✓ The exact number differs from year to year, but in the past 50% - 60% of our Fellows received full or partial financial support.
- ✓ We encourage financial aid applicants or their families to contribute something to tuition or travel costs. There is space in the form to outline the specific numerical need for each applicant.

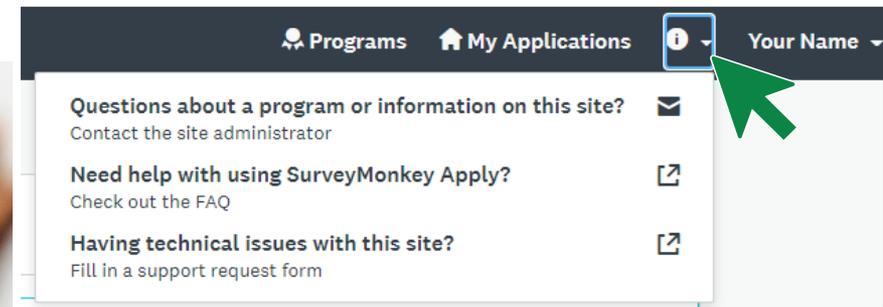




# Frequently Asked Questions

## 5. Something isn't working! What should I do?

- ✓ Click the ⓘ at the top of your screen anywhere in the application portal. This will give you 3 options to get help:
  1. Contact GCI – this will open a new email to [support@globalci.org](mailto:support@globalci.org). The GCI Team will be able to answer any programmatic or specific field- or documentation-related questions. You may also reach out with technical issues, although if the team is unable to troubleshoot, you will be asked to move on to step 3.
  2. Check the SurveyMonkey Apply platform's FAQ
  3. Fill in a support form – this will send a request directly to the SurveyMonkey Apply platform's support team.





# Application and Review Process

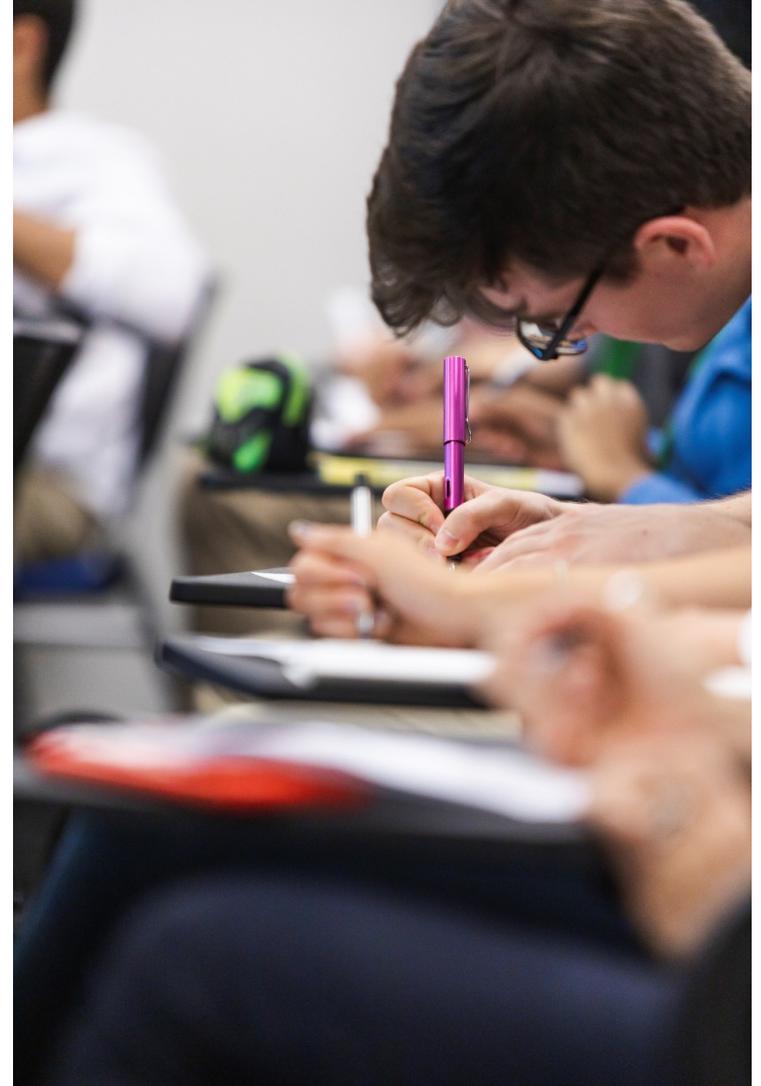
- ✓ The Fellowship application is a great opportunity to practice for the college admissions process; we want to learn about your passions and motivations!
- ✓ Each application is reviewed by the Admissions Committee.
- ✓ The goal of the Admissions Committee is to create a diverse cohort through a holistic approach.





# COVID-19 Guidelines

- ✓ We continue to thoughtfully consider participants' safety and program goals as the pandemic evolves.
- ✓ If a shift to virtual programming is deemed necessary, participants will be informed in order to determine next steps.
- ✓ We will communicate our cancellation/refund policy prior to the payment due date.
- ✓ Proof of full vaccination is required.
- ✓ Participants must follow all protocols for testing, mitigation, contact tracing and quarantine.



# Thank you!

More information: [www.globalci.org](http://www.globalci.org)

*“This small experience will change you and will change your thought process and the way you will approach your leadership in the future.” – Alicia, 2019*



*“I think it’s a really amazing time from the perspective of both a young person wanting to find this community and also more broadly people really looking for that type of social entrepreneurship and exciting ideas to tackle some of these problems.” – Birk, 2018*

