“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

“I definitely felt that shift in perspective. All of a sudden, I felt a responsibility to create change on a larger scale.” – Eita, 2018
We empower young global citizens from all sectors of society to be lifelong leaders of positive change.
The GCI Fellowship

10 MONTH FELLOWSHIP

- Summit
- Mentorship & “Glocal” Service Projects
- 9 days
- July 23 – 31, 2022

*inclusive of arrival & departure dates

AMBASSADORSHIP

- Lifelong Engagement and Community
- 9 months
- August 2022 – April 2023

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, 12:00 AM ET**: Application opens!
- **Jan 31, 2022, 11:59 PM ET**: Application deadline
  - All application materials, including recommendations & parent/guardian forms, must be submitted
- **Mar 18, 2022, 11:59 PM ET**: Admissions decisions sent
- **Mar 25, 2022, 11:59 PM ET**: Commitment to enroll due
- **Apr 18, 2022, 11:59 PM 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)

“Collaborator Only” Tasks
✓ Parent/guardian information
✓ Financial Aid Form and supporting documents (if applicable)
Eligibility Form

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

To apply for the Fellowship, make sure you check the correct program.

Enter your 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.
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.
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
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.
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.
- 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.
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.
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:
     - Is English your first language and/or your school's primary language of instruction?
       - Yes ☑️
       - No ☐
   - For all other scores:
     - Is English your first language and/or your school's primary language of instruction?
       - Yes ☑️
       - No ☐

2. Upload your scores in the separate task:

   - Task Instructions:
     - 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 TOEIC Speaking and Writing, Eiken Exam, IELTS, Duolingo English Test, etc.). The official test report should reflect the score that you indicated in the Applicant Information form. Accepted file formats: PDF, only.
     - You must include an official rubric comparing the equivalent TOEFL iBT score.
     - 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.

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

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Fellowship Applicant Information

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- Task instructions

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

Thank you!
More information: www.globalci.org