



Frequently Asked Questions

Hilton Global Summer Scholars Program

Questions from 2019 Information Sessions

I'd like to propose my own placement – is there a way to do that or am I limited to the list of organizations listed on the Expression of Interest form?

- We welcome proposals of placement organizations from students. Every year, we grant fellowships to students who come with their own placement locations with organizations working on SDG-related programs. Successful applicants make a compelling case for how the placement will further their career aspirations, utilize their skills, and contribute to a local partner working on an SDG-related issue.
- To propose a placement with an organization you've already been in contact with, use the first box on page 4 of the "[Expression of Interest for Global Placement](#)" form. All proposed placements are subject to approval. When proposing a placement, please include:
 - A 250 word description your proposed placement
 - Contact information of oversight individual at the placement organization
 - Location of the placement (must be in Asia, Latin America, or Africa)

Can I select more than one box (indicating interest in placement with the organization), and does doing so hurt my application?

- Yes, you can select more than one box and we encourage applicants to do so. You should select all the boxes of organizations for whom you'd be excited to be placed for the summer. It does not hurt your application to check more than one box – admission decisions are made separate from the expressions of interest for placement.

I see that the placement are typically 9-12 weeks. Why the variation? What are the typical dates?

- Most placements run from late-June until early-September. Different scholars end up spending slightly more or less time in the field due to their different programs of study having different start/end dates and the schedules of their placement organizations. Prior to booking flights, scholars will work with staff at the World Policy Analysis Center to finalize a personal schedule, in consultation with contacts on the ground.

About the Program

What types of experiences I can expect to get out of the Hilton Global Summer Scholar program?

- Hilton Global Summer Scholars will undertake an on the ground training fellowship with global initiatives that focus on reducing poverty and achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- During summer 2017, scholars will be placed with civil society and/or think tank partners from around the world to conduct intensive fieldwork projects for up to 12 weeks.





I don't know much about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Why is the program designed around the SDGs, and how do I know if my topical interests are included under the SDGs?

- On September 25, 2015, 193 countries in the United Nations agreed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets to set the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Over the next 15 years, \$2-\$3 trillion and millions of human hours will be invested to achieve these goals. If achieved, the goals will be transformative for all of our lives, but particularly for lives of the poorest, most vulnerable and marginalized people in every nation.
- The Hilton Summer Scholars Program was designed to provide on the ground experience to the next generation of leaders to learn about what works in addressing the SDGs.
- The 17 SDGs cover a wide range of topics, including poverty reduction, health, education, gender equality, clean energy, reducing inequalities, climate action, and many more. For more about the SDGs, visit <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>.

What sorts of careers will this fellowship prepare me for?

- The program is designed to support a wide range of careers, including:
 - Working with global civil society organizations to use evidence to support advocacy;
 - Working within the UN system to improve lives of the poor and most marginalized communities;
 - Working at a global think tank tackling the big issues facing the global community;
 - Working with private sector initiatives that benefit from international exposure and experiences working with a wide range of stakeholders; and
 - Working with big global funders who want to understand how evidence can guide impactful investments.

What is the Hilton Global Seminar Series?

- During the spring quarter, scholars will be invited to join the Hilton Global Seminar Series hosted by the WORLD Policy Analysis Center to learn more about the SDGs from UCLA Faculty from across the campus. The seminar series will be non-credit, but crucial component of the program to meet the cohort of scholars from across the campus and prepare for the summer.
- During the seminar series, affiliated faculty present their current research in an area of expertise on one of the 17 specific SDGs. There will also be seminars focused on special topics designed to prepare students for their summer fieldwork, including cultural understanding and logistical preparations for the field placement.

How many students will be assigned per placement partner?

- Most placements will be in pairs of two or small groups. The number of placements with each particular partner is contingent upon hosting capacity, the quantity of work to be accomplished, and the preferences expressed by applicants. We will work to create placement pairs when and where possible, but it is not guaranteed.





Funding and Logistics

How much funding is provided?

- The fellowship provides \$5,000 towards the cost of summer fieldwork. The expectation is that fellows will use the funds to cover the cost of travel, lodging, and living expenses during the summer.

Are scholars responsible for making arrangements for lodging/meals/transportation while undertaking summer fieldwork?

- Yes. The WORLD Policy Analysis Center will put scholars in contact with a designated representative from the host organization and will answer questions and help problem solve, but the scholar is ultimately responsible for making their own arrangements.

Application Process

How long does my essay need to be?

- Most successful applicants submit essays somewhere between 2-4 pages. The essay is your opportunity to demonstrate your level of preparation for the program, to tell your story, and to explain how the Hilton Global Summer Scholars will further your career goals.

Should I collect letters of recommendation myself or should they be submitted separately?

- All letters should be submitted via email to WORLD@ph.ucla.edu by your recommender. Please have them note your name and “Hilton Global Summer Scholar Recommendation” in the email.

What is the application deadline and start date?

- Applications should be submitted to WORLD@ph.ucla.edu with “Hilton Global Summer Scholars” in subject line by 11:59pm, **28 February, 2019**. The program will start in the spring quarter of 2019 and summer fieldwork will start in June 2019.

My question is not answered in this FAQ. Where can I get more information?

- More information is available at <http://worldpolicycenter.org/about/employment-and-opportunities>. With specific questions, please contact Nick Perry at nperry@ph.ucla.edu.

