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SERVICE FELLOWSHIP



Application Questions

(For reference only; application must be completed online)

*You can complete the online application in more than one visit. To return to the same application **you MUST save your unique URL**, which you will see when you save the form. We suggest that you review the questions below before starting the online application.*

Deadline May 8, 2025

(Columbia University applicants – please note your earlier deadline of April 25.)

- **Biographical and Eligibility**

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address
- I am a United States Citizen. Only U.S. Citizens are eligible for this fellowship.
- Date of Birth – Note, applicants must be 21 as of the application deadline.
- Gender (optional)
- Ethnicity (optional)
- Fellowship recipients will be required to submit a post-program narrative report about the impact of the work they will have accomplished. We may ask some Fellows to collaborate with us on external content based on this report. All applicants must confirm that they understand this requirement.

- **Educational Background**

- Current Institution
- Level of Study

- Year in School in 2024-2025
- Degree You Are Pursuing
- Major or Field of Study
- Specialty
- Cumulative GPA
- GPA Scale
- Current Institution Original Start Date
- Current Institution Expected Graduation Date
- Day You Must Return to Campus for Fall 2025 Semester

- **Relevant Activities**

Identify up to five current or past jobs, internships, volunteer activities, or club participations that are most relevant to this fellowship.

- Name of Organization
- Position
- Type of Activity
- Start Date
- Is this a current activity?
- End Date (only if not current)
- Please explain your role and any highlights in 2-3 sentences.

- **Summer Program Details**

Should you be awarded, the fellowship can be used for an international development opportunity – including internships or service-learning – that you have already identified, or IIE will match you with an opportunity in Ethiopia, Mexico, or Southeast Asia. Please see the program website for more information about eligible programs and funding amounts.

- Do you already have a program identified?

If Yes:

- Name of Program
- Program Website (if available)
- Start Date
- End Date
- City
- Country
- Is this program through your university? [yes/no]
- Have you applied and/or been accepted to this program [yes, I've applied; yes I've been accepted; no]
- Reason for choosing this program [up to 50 words]

If No:

- In order of interest, indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of Ethiopia, Mexico, and Southeast Asia. Spanish language competency may be required for placement in Mexico.
- The Fellowship will be from mid-July to mid-August. If selected, what is the latest you can return to the United States (MM/DD/YYYY).
- Indicate if you have competency in Spanish, Amharic, or any Southeast Asian language (i.e. Burmese, Thai, Laotian). Foreign language competency may be necessary for Mexico and is not required for other placements. Identify the language(s) and your level of competency.

- **Essay Questions** [up to 3,500 characters, including spaces, each]
 - Describe your academic and professional goals, including what led you to these goals, how you have worked to achieve them thus far, and how you plan to achieve them moving forward.
 - Tell us about a time when you've had to navigate uncertainty. What did you learn about yourself that you might use for the future? You may consider past school, work, internships, or volunteer experiences.
 - Describe a development challenge or project that you have studied or taken part in firsthand that you believe had a significant impact. What lessons do you take from this example, and how would they shape your approach to effective development work?