

The Global Philanthropy Service (GPS) Fellowship

The Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (CPNL) within the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland is dedicated to helping students become more effective and innovative citizens and leaders committed to improving our world. This award, valued at up to \$10,000, will provide up to four newly admitted individuals the support and opportunity to be intensely immersed in philanthropy, international development, and nongovernmental leadership and management during their time in the School of Public Policy. Ultimately, each fellowship will allow individuals to cultivate the essential skills to become tomorrow's global leaders.

The Global Philanthropy Service Fellowship will consist of:

- **Up to \$5,000 towards one (1) study abroad experience that is sponsored by the Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership.** *Past courses include philanthropy and NGOs in Israel and Jordan and professional consulting experience with The Grameen Foundation and NGOs in India. We also plan to launch a NGOs and China program in the next school year. See more about past study abroad opportunities [here](#).*
 - Funding covers the program fee, but not flights, visas, or incidentals.
- **Up to \$5,000 towards one (1) full-time internship (unpaid or partially funded).**
 - Fellows are responsible for securing their own internship, though CPNL can offer recommendations.
 - Internships can be domestic or international. Stipends can go towards flights or local expenses, as needed.
 - Full-time is the equivalent of 35-40 hours/week.
 - If fellows have a partially funded internship of less than \$5,000, the fellow can receive the difference not to exceed \$5,000.
 - The internship and organization would be subject to faculty approval to ensure a meaningful, educational, and academically relevant work experience.
- **Should the Fellow be awarded a GA by the School of Public Policy, the School of Public Policy will explore possible placement with CPNL or CPNL affiliated faculty.**
 - The GA position is subject to the same requirements as all School of Public Policy requirements. As such, it is not guaranteed for two (2) years if a GA is not awarded for the second year. See [policies](#).

Requirements for Fellows:

- Only full-time MPP students at UMD are eligible including dual degree program students (i.e. CONS/MPP, MPP/MBA, MPP/JD) are eligible. In the case of a 3-year dual-degree program, the travel and internship stipend can be used during any year.
- Specialize (or focus) in Nonprofit Management and Leadership.
- Maintain 3.7 GPA in order to secure the continuance of the fellowship for a subsequent year. *In the instance a Fellow does not meet the GPA requirement, the School has the discretion to continue the fellowship on an individual basis for Fellows who excel in Nonprofit Management and Leadership coursework and related programs.*
- Enroll in at least one CPNL course in the semester prior to the study abroad experience.
- Participate in pre- and post-trip reflections with faculty and peers.
- Participate in professional development opportunities with SPP Career Services.
- Foreign language (proficiency or higher) is recommended but not required.

Application Details:

- The application deadline for the GPS Fellowship is February 21. Only applicants to the School of Public Policy MPP (or joint degree programs) will be considered.
- Should include a cover sheet (here) and a short, one page, personal statement explaining candidates' short and long-term professional goals and how a focus on NGOs and global philanthropy complements your educational goals. Since the fellowship selection committee will review your entire SPP application; this statement should complement, rather than duplicate these materials.
- Top candidates will be contacted for an interview (in person or remotely) in early Spring (March).