

2023 Summer Fellowship Program:

Application Information

Application Deadline: February 17, 2023

Background:

- **Sillerman summer philanthropy fellowships**¹ enable eligible Heller School Master's students, including those receiving dual-degrees, and PhD students completing their first or second year, to work at [foundations](#), [philanthropy serving organizations](#), [funder affinity groups](#), or [funder networks](#)² anywhere in the U.S.³ Although this fellowship supports placements anywhere in the U.S., The Sillerman Center has the closest/strongest relationships with foundations and other philanthropic organizations in the Northeast. We strongly encourage you to review the hyperlinks above before completing the fellowship application.
- **Eligibility:** Master's degree and PhD students must have completed at least one full academic year by the summer and must still be a student at the time of the internship (in other words, applicants must not be graduating any sooner than December 2023).
- **Up to 4 fellowships will be awarded.** Typical placements include private, community, and corporate foundations whose work has a social justice focus.
- **Fellowships are designed to be full-time**, though there is some flexibility as long as students complete 300 hours of service during the summer.
- If you are selected as a Sillerman Fellow, we will work with you to find an appropriate placement.

Compensation:

Each fellow will be compensated \$6500, which may be considered taxable income. Fellows are selected on a competitive basis by a review committee of both Heller and non-Heller constituents.

Program Requirements:

- Fellows must complete 300 hours of work anytime between May and the end of August, unless otherwise discussed. The work schedule will be negotiated directly with the placement site upon selection.
- Recipients must attend a pre-fellowship meeting and submit a reflection paper upon completion of the fellowship.
- Fellows are required to interview, virtually or in-person, with potential fellowship sites. Potential sites will also receive a copy of the fellow's application materials. Each site is required to fill out a Site Agreement Form that includes a work plan for the Fellow.

Application Components (the full application will be available in November 2022):

To apply, email the following materials to sseller@brandeis.edu by February 17, 2023: **1)** Completed Application Form **2)** Short-answer questions, **3)** Heller Transcript (unofficial is acceptable) **4)** Current Resume **5)** One outside letter of recommendation. It is strongly preferred that this letter be written by a professional with whom you've worked and can speak to your skills and strengths, though a recommendation from a faculty member who knows you similarly well will be accepted.

¹ We anticipate that fellowships will be completed in-person or in a hybrid manner during Summer 2023. However, in-person fellowships will only be completed, as opposed to virtual fellowships, if it is deemed safe and all parties are comfortable doing so.

² Candid, Inside Philanthropy, and Council on Foundations provide definitions and information about philanthropic organizations

³ Using your Brandeis UNET ID, search the Foundation Directory Online by geographic location or focus area to define your interests.