

# SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP (SCSF) 2026

HAA Clubs & Shared Interest Groups

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## OVERVIEW: BACKGROUND



- **About SCSF:**
  - Clubs and SIGs enable a student to pursue a summer of public interest work
    - Donate a stipend of \$5K – \$8K per student; supports a fellow over 10 weeks of full-time work
  - Established in 1992, co-managed by the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) and the Center for Public Service and Engaged Scholarship (CPSES)
- **Club and SIG Impact:**
  - **Summer 2025:** 13 Clubs and SIGs awarded \$133,000 in stipends to 23 students
  - **Summer 2026:** 17 Clubs and SIGs plan to fund between 19 and 24 students

## OVERVIEW: KEY DATES

- **February 16 – March 29:** [Student application window](#)
- **April 1:** Applications shared with Clubs and SIGs
- **April 14:** Deadline for Clubs and SIGs to select fellow(s)
- **April 20:** Deadline for students to accept funding
- **Early-May:** Student orientation with CPSES
- **May:** Clubs and SIGs to submit funding payments
- **Late-September:** SCSF fellow reflections shared with Clubs and SIGs

### **New this Year:**

- Application timeline adjusted to align with new College-wide Summer Funding Office
  - Goal is that students are aware of all summer funding opportunities available to them and streamlines process
- New methods to expedite fellow selection process
  - Advance email reminder for SCSF leads to schedule time to review applications
  - Student Fellow Selection and Ranking Form



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS



## Application Review and Selection Process:

- **Act quickly!** Students are limited to a certain funding amount and often apply to more than one funding source
- **Alternate selections:** If a student declines funding (usually due to another offer), you may select another student from your applicant pool
- **Provide ranked choices:** Ranking applicants helps avoid delays if your first-choice accepts another offer
- **Increasing support:** You're welcome to increase the number of fellows or funding amount indicated in your fall SCSF sign-up

## Contacting Students:

- Wait for confirmation before reaching out to the fellow
  - Upholds student privacy policy
  - Confirms students are not overfunded and they understand their commitments to SCSF



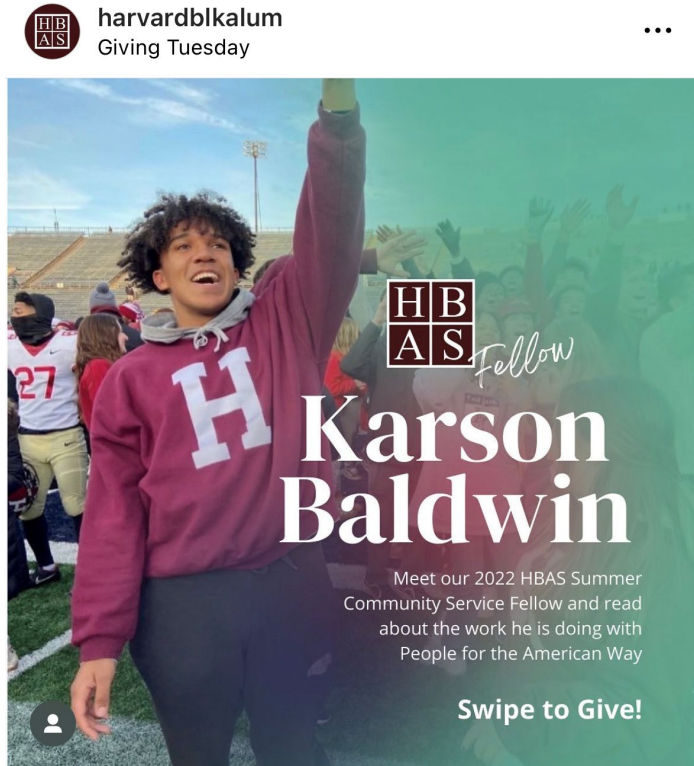
# BEST PRACTICES: MARKETING

## Club and SIG Channels:

- Tap into past year participants to promote SCSF to fellow students
- Market to the community (e.g., newsletter, at events)
- Share past year stories on social media
- SIGs: Leverage a corresponding student group
- Clubs: Email parents listed in their Alumni List

## HAA Partner Channels:

- CPSES markets the program to students through variety of marketing strategies
- SCSF promoted in student activities newsletters



# BEST PRACTICES: ENGAGEMENT

- Invite fellows to your Club/SIG events
- Share or make connections for career guidance
- **Important note:** Fellow participation in Club and SIG activities is optional and not a program requirement

## Response to Your Feedback:

- Increased messaging to fellows about the value of connecting with their funding Club/SIG
- Reflection Reports
- Survey feedback
- Collection of quotes approved for public use





# BEST PRACTICES: FUNDRAISING

## Hold a fundraising campaign:

- Small annual donations
- Milestone campaigns to cover the next several years

## Call to action:

- Host an event
- Social media and newsletters
- Include a donation section on your website

## Show the impact:

- Messages from past fellows
- Voices from the nonprofits involved



The screenshot shows the Harvard Club of Seattle website. The header features the club's logo and name. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Login, Events, Membership, News, Networking, Get Involved, Donate, and About. The main content area is titled "SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP (SCSF)" and describes the program's purpose: to support undergraduates interested in public and community service careers. It details the stipend of \$8,000 and the requirement of at least eight weeks of full-time involvement. A "DONATE HERE" button is prominently displayed, followed by a row of donation amount buttons: \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and Other. A sidebar on the right contains the "Summer Community Service Fellowship Donation" section, explaining the goal of supporting an undergrad in public service.

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### SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP (SCSF)

Support undergraduates interested in public and community service careers

The Harvard Club of Seattle's Summer Community Service Fellowship supports Harvard undergraduates pursuing public service work at local non-profit organizations. Each fellowship carries a stipend of \$8,000, and fellows are expected to devote at least eight weeks of full-time involvement to their public service project. Housing and living arrangements are the responsibility of the recipient, as are any costs incurred greater than the stipend amount.

**DONATE HERE** to support Harvard Club of Seattle's ongoing SCSF intern support.

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other

**Summer Community Service Fellowship Donation**  
Support an undergrad in pursuit of a public service career with a donation to the Summer Community Service Fellowship.



The screenshot shows the Harvard Club of Dallas website. The header features the club's logo and name. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Login, Membership, Events, SIG Info, Admissions, Philanthropy, Sponsors, and About Us. The main content area is titled "Happy Hour with Harvard Friends in University Park" and features a photo of Brandon Pham, a Summer Community Service Fellow. The text describes the event and the fellow's work at My Possibilities. A sidebar on the right contains the "Summer Community Service Fellowship" section, explaining the goal of supporting an undergrad in public service.

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### Happy Hour with Harvard Friends in University Park

We hope you can join us to celebrate the start of the new year, get together with old friends and new, and honor our Summer Community Service Fellow, Brandon Pham, Harvard College, Class of 2025, and raise money for the Harvard Club of Dallas Summer Community Service Fellowship. Brandon will be in town and will tell us about his summer project at My Possibilities. Club Vice President Kim Roosevelt, Chief Development Officer of My Possibilities, will tell us about the work and mission of My Possibilities, and the important contributions that Brandon has made during his summer project.

Each year, the Harvard Club of Dallas Provides a Summer Community Service Fellowship that sponsors a Harvard Undergrad to spend the summer in Dallas working with a local non-profit. We have a fund, which we call The Bersev Bradley and Hal Urschel MD Community Service Fund, through which we pay the undergraduate.



# LOOKING AHEAD

- Fundraising range increasing to \$6K-8K per fellow in next year's summer 2027 cycle
  - This year (summer 2026 cycle), the minimum increased to \$5K per fellow
  - Next year (summer 2027 cycle), will reach the necessary \$6K minimum
- Reflects the rising cost of living and other expenses
- Maintains program competitiveness and alignment with other summer funding sources students are considering



# Thank You

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