

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



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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.



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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 Bradlev 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



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