

THE MAHATMA GANDHI FELLOWSHIP



Deadline: March 27th, 2019 at 5:00pm

Purpose

The Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship was established in 1998, as the first student-run university recognized fellowship at UNC. Its purpose is to annually award up to two qualified UNC students with a summer scholarship of up to \$3,000 to develop and implement civic engagement projects ranging from six to eight weeks in the summer months that employ innovative, sustainable approaches to complex social needs in one of the eight countries of the South Asian subcontinent (India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh). The fellowship program is managed by a student-led South Asian awareness organization (SANGAM) with the technical support of the Carolina Asia Center.

Mission

- To pioneer sustainable approaches to complex social needs in South Asia.
- To inspire future UNC student awareness of South Asia and its social concerns.
- To promote the value of education through experience.

Eligibility

This fellowship is open to any full-time, returning undergraduate or graduate student from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Selection Criteria

To be chosen as a Mahatma Gandhi Fellow, your application must reflect your creativity, inherent interest in South Asian issues, and strong academic record. Applicants will be judged based on the organization, comprehensibility, and feasibility of their proposals along with their ability to display the following:

- Leadership potential in conjunction with social activism
- An enthusiasm for self-directed learning
- A sense of commitment to creating sustainable change

Students will be judged through their applications, letters of support and a personal interview.

Selection Process

- (1) Students should email **ONE** original copy of their completed application and supporting materials by March 27th, 2019 at 5:00pm to the Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship email, at uncmgf@gmail.com
- (2) Applicants will be notified of their status by email. Selected applicants will be invited to interview with the Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship Selection Committee.
- (3) Interviewed applicants will be notified of the final decision two weeks following interviews.

Selection Decision and Obligations

The Fellowship Selection Committee will make the final decision as to which students are to be named the 2018-2019 Mahatma Gandhi Fellows. The Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship Co-chairs will be responsible for approving the final budget and awarding the funds after successful completion of the project. The scholarship amount is to be used for appropriate expenses such as travel, food, and living expenses as well as funds needed for the project.

At the end of the project, Fellows must complete the following:

- o Submit to the Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship co-chairs a written report of their experiences along with photographic documentation in Fall 2019.
- o Present their project at two campus events during the course of the 2019-2020 school year.
- o Write an article about their experiences for UNC Monsoon, a magazine centered on South Asian affairs.
- o Inform the Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship co-chairs of any change of address so as to facilitate communication between both parties at any given time in the future.

If you have read the aforementioned conditions set by the Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship and agree to abide by them if selected as a Fellow, please sign below.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

THE 2019 MAHATMA GANDHI FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Note: All applicants must email one copy of the entire application by **March 27th, 2019 at 5:00 PM** to uncmgf@gmail.com

Please make sure that your name is **NOT** on any application material besides Part A of the application. All other pages should display your **PID # in the right-hand side of the header.**

A. Contact Information

Name:	
Local Address:	
Mobile Number:	
Class:	
Permanent Address:	
Date of Birth:	
PID:	
Email Address:	
Major(s)	

B. Personal Statement and Project Proposal

(1000 words or less, typed, double-spaced)

Please address all of the following questions in your statement and attach document to application.

1. Describe your project in detail. What do you hope to accomplish?
2. What is the potential significance of the project to the community served?
3. Is there any preliminary work accomplished and/or relevant experience of the applicant?
4. Explain the significance behind your chosen South Asian location and community partner to your project.
5. What do you personally hope to gain from this experience?

C. Short Answers

*Please briefly answer the following questions in a separate document (500 words each max) and attach to application. Your answers will be evaluated on **content**, not length.*

1. What are the proposed dates of your project? Provide a brief itinerary of your project duration.
2. If you are not proficient in the native language(s) of the area you plan to visit, how will you overcome communication barriers?
3. What contact(s) do you have (here and at your project site)? What role will they play in your project's execution?
Community Partner (Organization Name):
Contact Person:
Email Address/Phone Number:
4. What are some of the challenges that you may face in completing this project, and how will you try to overcome them?
5. How will you continue to be involved in this project or the issues it addresses upon returning to the UNC in the Fall?
6. How will your project create sustainable change in the community served?

D. Budget

Attach a separate document stating the amount up to \$3000 requested for the completion of your project. Your budget should include an itemized list of costs required to complete your project's objectives including but not limited to travel, food, lodging and materials.

E. CV/Résumé

Attach your current CV/résumé listing work experience, campus and community activities, and any honors/awards received in college.

F. Transcript

Please attach an official copy of your current University Transcript from the Registrar.

G. Supporting Letters

You need to provide **TWO** letters of support from individuals (one must be from a UNC Faculty member) who are familiar with your project and are in a position to:

- 1) Attest for your qualifications and interest in being a Mahatma Gandhi Fellow
- 2) Assess the potential significance and feasibility of your project.

All the recommendation letters must be sent directly to uncmgf@gmail.com

H. Contact

Please direct any questions regarding the 2019 Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship application or application process to the 2018-2019 Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship email at uncmgf@gmail.com.

Visit the Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship website <https://www.sangamunc.org/mgf> or like the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/uncmgf/> for information regarding the fellowship and past fellows.