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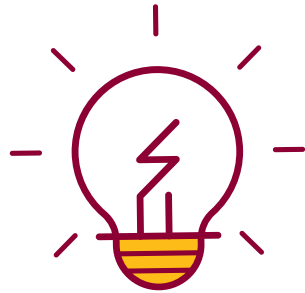
# **Office for Global and Community Engagement: Fellowship Office Annual Report 2022-23**



# 2022-23 Quick Facts

## AWARD WINNERS

This year six LUC students were awarded high profile Fellowships including Goldwater, Fulbright, Gilman and the Scholarship for Women Studying Information Security



## 12 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED A FELLOWSHIP INCENTIVE GRANT

Each student was awarded \$1,000 to support living expenses during an unpaid internship

## WELCOME FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR ANDY WEBER

The addition of Andy will lead to increased campus collaboration and student outreach in 2023-24 and beyond.



# Meet Our Award Recipients



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**Rohan Sethi** (Bioinformatics and Biology). Rohan was as a winner of the Goldwater Scholarship in 2023. Rohan is an undergraduate student studying bioinformatics and biology with an interdisciplinary interest in biomedical and computer sciences. He has experience in applying computational approaches to study biomedical and public health applications with a goal to contribute to the growing field of precision medicine.



**FULBRIGHT**  
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**Jenna Tuckerman** (Anthropology). Jenna was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Morocco. After teaching English in South Korea for a year, Jenna wanted to find more academic adventures abroad. She is thankful for the support and guidance of the Anthropology and Modern Languages departments.



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**Christine Severude** (Molecular Biology). Christine was a winner of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education in 2022. For Christine, the Goldwater Scholarship was instrumental in preparing them for graduate school. It taught them application-writing skills and helped Christine reflect on where they are at in their research career. Their advice to other students is to set goals early and make a long-term plan to achieve them.

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**Becca Curiel**, (Global Studies). In 2022, Becca was awarded the Gilman International Scholarship. The Gilman Scholarship program, has helped Becca learn from other cultures and gain a major international awareness that, as a Global Studies major, has helped to reassure her career path and what she aspires to achieve in the future.



**Taryn Chovan**, (Computer Science). In 2023, Taryn was awarded the Scholarships for Women Studying Information Security (SWSIS). Taryn is interested in security because "I think it is both fun and can contribute to a good cause. There are many people out there that selfishly attack innocent victims like hospitals, banks, and the elderly. Being in cyber security is a good opportunity to help prevent those attacks. It also a fun career field to be in – every day there is a new challenge or problem to solve and there is constantly something new to learn."



**Nimra Khan**, (Mathematics and Computer Science). Nimra was also awarded the Scholarships for Women Studying Information Security (SWSIS) in 2023. Nimra became interested in security when she started on a cybersecurity team at an internship last summer. Before that, Nimra says she didn't know much about cybersecurity, but thought it would be a fun challenge, especially knowing how important protecting consumer data is at a financial services company. Throughout the summer, Nimra got to work on a project on the application security team, and also got to shadow other teams like identity access management and cloud security. After seeing those different teams, Nimra says she learned a lot about security and really enjoyed doing so.

# Fellowship Incentive Grant (FIG)



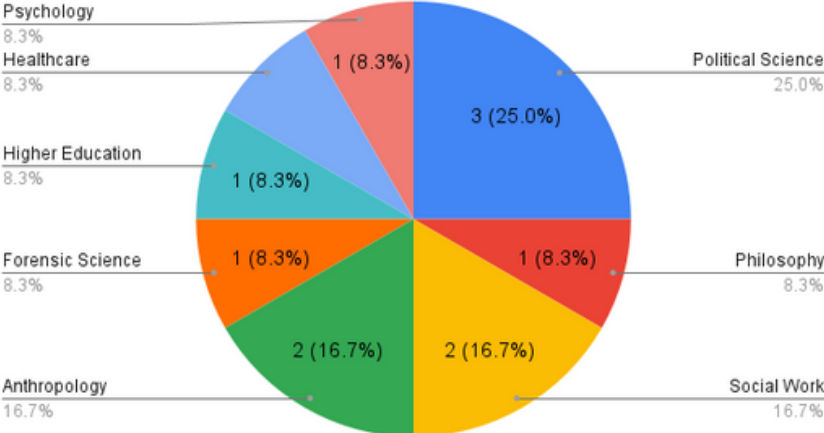
The Fellowship Incentive Grant is an internal award, distributed by the Fellowship Office. FIG is open to all LUC students including undergraduate and graduate students who have previously secured an unpaid or underpaid internship opportunities. The purpose of FIG is to help support LUC students' living expenses during their internships. It is the hope of the Fellowship Office that the FIG award will help winners reach their academic and career goals. Another goal of the FIG award is that the grant helps lead to other, national or international fellowship opportunities. To that end, the Fellowship Office also schedules 1-1 advising sessions with each of the winning FIG students to identify other fellowships they intend to apply to in the future.

With the addition of the Fellowship Coordinator Andy Weber, the Fellowship Office has an increased capacity for outreach and student advising. An early indicator of this increased capacity is the increase in FIG applications in 2022-23 as compared to previous years.

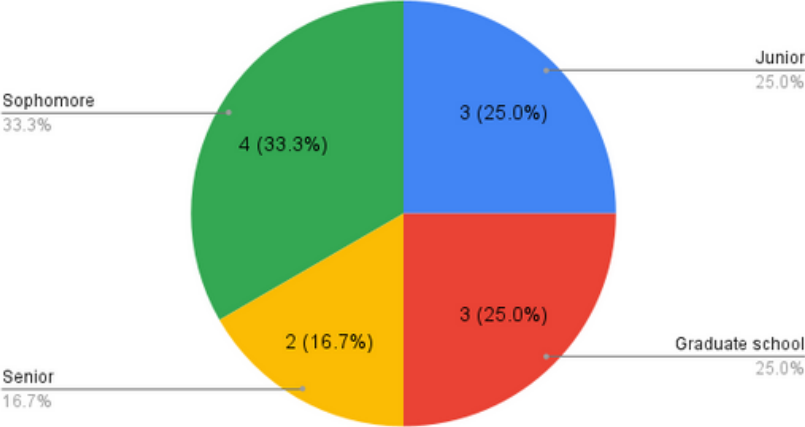
2020: 7 applications; 5 award recipients  
2021: 12 applications; 12 award recipients  
2022: 3 applications; 3 award recipients  
2023: 89 applications; 12 award recipients

# 2023 FIG Award Winners Information

Majors Represented



Academic Level



# Fellowship Incentive Grant (FIG) Award Winners

FIG winners describe their internship opportunities in their own words



**Italo Alves, Graduate Student** This is an internship with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Unilateral Coercive Measures. This office, which is part of the UN High Commissariat for Human Rights, is dedicated to investigating the harmful effects of unilateral sanctions on the enjoyment of human rights. During my internship, I will work on a project that examines how economic sanctions impact vulnerable communities, including individuals with disabilities, and industries such as civil aviation.



**Kayla Moore, Junior** I will be spending two weeks working with a team of students to operate a clinic in Guatemala through VAW Global Health Alliances. During this experience, we will be taking vitals and checking in patients, as well as shadowing doctors during patient exams. We will also be giving a presentation and doing activities with kids at a local school to help them learn about a health-related topic.



**Ashley Goldsmith, Junior** I will be an intern at Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America (FORA) this summer. I will tutor refugee students to fill their educational gaps and ensure they are caught up to their grade level. I will also work with FORA's management departments where I will assist with community outreach research and educate families about the education system in the United States. I am very grateful and excited for this internship opportunity.

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**Paige Ann Armstrong, Sophomore** My internship is with the Illinois State Police in Springfield, Illinois with Legal-FOIA. FOIA is the Freedom of Information Act, which is responsible for keeping the public in the know about the government. This includes helping process requests and releasing public records.



**Sierra Wann, Junior** This summer at FORA (Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America), I will be working as a full-day intern as part of their Restorative Justice Internship. FORA aims to bridge the literacy gap of refugees coming into America as well as to provide empowerment for those they work with. Half of the day of the internship is dedicated to working directly alongside students delivering High Dosage Tutoring (HDT) and the other half I will be learning the behind-the-scenes of a nonprofit organization. This will include community outreach, recruitment of more volunteers, as well as helping to educate families on the American and Chicago school system.



**Sam Roberts, Senior** This Summer, I will be interning at Chicago's largest LGBTQ+ community center, Center on Halsted. This opportunity will allow me to work with LGBTQ+ teens who've experienced trauma due to homelessness, negative interactions with law enforcement, and lack of familial support. During this time, I will be offering socioemotional support, as well as helping maintain a structured schedule of house chores and life skills development in housing proffered through COH's Youth Housing Program. In addition to conducting these wellness drop-ins, I will be further honing my social work skill set by writing and submitting grant applications, sitting in on development meetings, and working with Center on Halsted's Youth Programming department to meet the core needs of Chicago's LGBTQ+ teen population.



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**Johnnie Campbell, Graduate Student** Johnnie is currently working with the Illinois Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ILSAMP). Together, this group utilizes a collaborative effort to provide programs that improve the quality of STEM education for students and prepare them for careers in the STEM field. Through STEM educational research at Loyola University, Chicago, the Alliance is also focused on developing and disseminating innovative STEM mentoring model based on the academic, personal, and professional experiences of URM STEM students and their mentors. This summer, Johnnie will be contributing to ILSAMP with research on Black Men's college experiences as they pursue their STEM degrees under the supervision of Dr. Demetri Morgan, School of Education



**Olivia Carfolo, Sophomore** I intern at Children's Research Triangle which is a nonprofit organization that provides psychological services to children and families in the Chicagoland area. As a Research Intern, I have had the opportunity to learn invaluable skills through observing psychological evaluations. I rotate through several different projects which allow me to collaborate on CRT's newsletter, score a variety of psychological measures, and interact with previous client families to learn about their experiences. My personal favorite task has been scoring surveys given to pregnant and postpartum women which allow CRT to provide developmental health care to baby's exposed to drugs and alcohol in utero. I am most looking forward to observing more psychological evaluations this summer!

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**Grace Bates, Junior** I will be assisting Dr. Catherine Nichols in the storage, maintenance, research, and documentation of the May Weber Ethnographic Study Collection. Massive amounts of work go into museums collections from simple rehousing to discussions around repatriation. It will be my responsibility to assist in caring for the collection and many tasks that fall under that sentiment; from rehousing objects to make sure they are as safe as possible to discussions around repatriation.



**Amanda Alvarado, Senior** Bear Necessities Pediatric Foundation- I worked for them during the Spring 2023 school year and fell in love with the work they do to help children fighting such a brave fight. I made the choice to continue working as an intern over the summer to continue growing my skill as well as helping such a great organization. I will be working in person and working on my masters degree over the summer.

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**Maura Bradesca, Sophomore** At the USCRI, I will be helping with resettlement of refugees in Cleveland by prepping new houses with furniture and all of their essential belongings, and organizing paperwork for them which includes resources such as food stamps, school enrollments and government social services. I'm excited for the paperwork specifically because I've never had the opportunity to help people access basic care they deserve, and this is what I'm hoping to do with my future career. I'm also hoping to practice grant writing for the company with the Community Organizer, so I can grow in my knowledge of grants and community engagement.



**Connor Mautner, Graduate Student.** Amongst the 2022-23 FIG winners, Connor is unique as he started his own non-profit working with refugees in Chicago. The Chicago Refugee Coalition is a 501(c)3 established 2018. Since then, the organization has grown dramatically and has gained notoriety for their innovative, and responsive, relief model. CRC's flagship is its first-of-its-kind Refugee Resource Center the organization runs out of Sullivan High School (affectionately known as Refugee High) in Rogers Park. Through this space, CRC operates a robust food banking program and has distributed over 100,000 meals since the program's inception in August 2018. Additionally, the center distributes more than \$400,000 of in-kind products annually through collaborative partnerships with corporate stakeholders such as Bombas, Casper Mattresses, Trader Joes, Whole Foods, and many others. CRC's mission is to bridge the systemic services gap in the refugee resettlement space. CRC believes that, above all, their purpose is to ensure that Chicago is an open and equitable place to call home and that they contribute to facilitating a paradigm shift away from the Global North. More information about CRC can be found on their website, <http://www.chicagorefugee.org>.

# New Awards in 2022-23



Established in 2022; **The Voyager Scholarship** was created by the Obama family and Brian Chesky, Airbnb Co-founder and CEO. This scholarship gives college students financial aid to alleviate the burden of college debt, meaningful travel experiences to expand their horizons, and a network of mentors and leaders to support them.



Established in 2021 by **Samvid Ventures**, this award was established to invest in the graduate education of future leaders who are committed to effecting positive change in society. Beyond funding, scholars participate in two years of programming with a cohort of exceptional peers to deepen their self-knowledge and explore their leadership, purpose and path to impact.

**Check our website for all fellowship opportunities and deadlines!**

## New Initiatives

In February of 2023, the Fellowship Office hired Andy Weber as the new Fellowship Coordinator. With the addition of Andy, we look forward to having increased capacity for intra-department collaboration student outreach and new initiatives in 2023 and beyond. Future plans include speaking with UNIV-101 classes and collaborating more closely with ACE and the honors advising team.

The most exciting new initiative our office took on this year is the creation of the Fellowship Advisory Committee consisting of seven faculty members. The intention of this committee is to serve as a campus review board to identify the highest quality LUC applicants to Fulbright, Goldwater and other high-profile, competitive fellowships.



# Outreach

The Fellowship Office met with LUC students through various channels in 2022-23 including informational sessions, tabling at Damen Student Center and recurring, one-on-one consultations with students and collaboration with faculty and staff. Staff and faculty who know of students looking for fellowship opportunities are encouraged to reach out to our office. Recommendations from LUC faculty and staff is the best way to connect high profile fellowship opportunities and high achieving students.



## Partnerships and Collaboration

To reach out to students and promote fellowship opportunities, the Fellowship Office worked met and worked with staff from a variety of departments around Loyola including: our OGCE partners, the study abroad team, CELTS, Career Services and Academic Advisors. Moving forward, the Fellowship Office looks forward to closer collaboration with the Achieving College Excellence team. We would like to thank the following staff for collaborating with out team this academic year.

**Noah Butler**, PhD, Advanced Lecturer , Anthropology

**Alana Carroll**, Study Abroad Coordinator

**Susana Cavallo**, PhD, Professor of Spanish, Modern Languages

**Michele Everett**, PhD, Assistant Director for Achieving College Excellence (ACE)

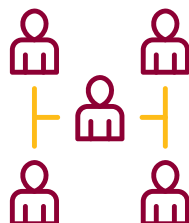
**Shanté FencI**, Study Aboard Advisor, Gilman Advisor for 2023

**Catherine A. Nichols**, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Cultural Anthropology and Museum Studies

**Paul Ott**, PhD, Lecturer, Philosophy

**Marianne Ryan**, PhD, Dean of Libraries

**Cynthia P. Stewart**, PhD, Director of Experiential Learning, Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health



# The Fellowship Office

## Mission Statement

Established in 2008, the Fellowship Office of Loyola University Chicago assists students at all levels across the University to find and apply for fellowships, including awards for undergraduate study, study abroad, graduate study, and research internships. We provide outreach to all students and campus partners on available awards. In cooperation with Loyola faculty and staff, we work with qualified students to identify awards best suited to their goals, and to navigate the application process to produce the most competitive proposals possible. We use the core values of professional fellowship advising of integrity, collaboration, respect and fairness (as identified by the National Association of Fellowship Advisors), and view the entire fellowship application process as an integral part of transformative education for Loyola's high-achieving students.

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