Cultural Leadership Fellowship
Winter 2024
By Scholar Fund
Meet Your Program Leads!

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Scholar Fund & CLF Program
At Scholar Fund, access to education, placement into the workforce, and cash assistance have become the vehicles we use to create change.

**Cash**
We have raised and deployed $382 million in cash assistance.

**College**
We assisted students to win $1,000,000+ million in scholarships.

**Community**
Programs that have lasting impact, including 22 DACA fellows from winter 2023 and 50+ participants summer 2023.
Mission

CLF’s program goal is to support undocumented leaders by **immersing in new and different perspectives**, engaging in **experiential leadership**, and learning to **collaborate with other fellows** across multiple professions and spaces.
Created by Alejandra and Yuriana to increase opportunities for DACA professionals to travel using Advance Parole via a Leadership, Personal, and Cultural Development Curriculum.

**How it started and how it’s going:**

**2022 Fellowship Research & Creation**

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**Winter 2023 Pilot Cohorts**

- Two cohorts to Guatemala and Mexico as a pilot.

**Summer 2023 Program**

- Three cohorts of 50+ DACA Professionals: Asia, Europe, and Latin America

**Winter 2024 Program**

- Visiting Latin America with three cohorts to visit Colombia, Guatemala, and Mexico!
Highlights of the Program

**Cohort**
A cohort style program to get to know other DACA recipients and build community through different disciplines and backgrounds.

**Support with AP**
We will provide the supporting materials for your AP and a step-by-step guide.

**Flexible Travel**
We have built in an ethnography portion after the trip, for you to have additional and flexible travel.
Eligibility

- Must have valid work authorization (DACA) to be able to apply for Advance Parole
- Must live in the United States and have a valid passport from the respective country of citizenship by Friday, September 1, 2023, and must be valid for at least 6 months after the program dates.
- Must be at least 18 years old by the start of the program
- Must participate in ALL PROGRAM activities
- Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at the time of applying for the fellowship, including a booster shot prior to travel. There will be no exceptions.
- Must follow COVID-19 safety protocols, including testing and mask wearing
- Must be able to pay round-trip airfare from the U.S. and the host country
- Must be able to pay the program fee by the deadlines.
## Three Countries in Latin America

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*$950 the payment is a non-refundable deposit*
Overview of Program Fees

- Administrative costs for the fellowship.
- Lodging, meals, local transportation, entrance fees to field-trip sites, etc.
- Advance Parole fee and application guidance.
- COVID-19 care package, including home tests, masks, and hand sanitizer.
- Travel insurance (up to 75% of program costs, not including the non-refundable deposit).

* The program fee does not include flights. Cost of airfare will be covered by the applicant.
** Scholarships are not available at this time; we highly encourage accepted fellows to fundraise and/or ask their employers to sponsor this cost as a professional development opportunity.
Fellowship Cultural Product

A Cultural Product can be:
- Video during your travel
- Picture during your travel
- Blog or journal entry
- Short essay sharing your thoughts, feelings, ideas, and understandings during your travel

*Scholar Fund will share the fellows’ cultural products through their website, social media, blogs, newsletters, etc.*
Important Milestones

1. Application Due Date: May 22
2. $950 non-ref deposit due: June 8
3.接受或拒绝通知: June 2
4. Mandatory Meeting: June 9
5. Submit Advance Parole: June 30
6. $1,800 final payment due: September 1
7. AP approvals: Nov-Dec
8. CLF Fellowship: Winter 2024
Application

Overview
Questions & Answers
THANK YOU!

Please let email us at fellowships@scholarfundwa.org for any additional questions.