PART 2: FINDING RELEVANT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Is there a fellowship opportunity out there that aligns with your interests and goals? Chances are the answer is yes - there are many different programs offering a range of experiences and opportunities. We're going to talk about a number of them today in this video, but keep in mind there are many more out there. I also won't be going into specific detail about these programs, but I would be happy to meet with you individually to identify programs that may be a good fit for your particular interests and goals.

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This first set of fellowship opportunities that I want to share are those that may be a good fit for you if you are seeking a cultural exchange or cultural immersion experience in another country. These are all one-year experiences and can involve research, taking courses, teaching, or serving with a community organization or agency. These programs cover most regions of the world - Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. In fact, the Fulbright program itself is available in over 140 countries and the Watson fellowship allows you to choose which countries you would like to go to for your fellowship experience.

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For those of you who are interested in pursuing graduate school, there are opportunities for you to consider as well, both overseas and within the U.S. For international opportunities, there are a number of UK and Ireland programs - Marshall, Rhodes, and Mitchell. These are open to any discipline at these respective countries. There are also programs like the Boren that allow you to pursue language study overseas. If you're looking to attend graduate school in the U.S., there are a number of programs out there as well, so the Beinecke, the Knight-Hennessy, and the Soros - all these cover most if not all of your funding for graduate studies in a wide range of disciplines. So again, many opportunities to fund masters and PhD programs through fellowships.
There are also fellowship programs geared towards specific disciplines or career fields. I want to highlight three examples in this presentation, but keep in mind that these are not the only three areas where fellowship are geared towards.

The first are opportunities for those of you interested in research and study in STEM, ranging from the Goldwater Scholarship for sophomores and juniors to the Churchill and Hertz awards for students who want to pursue a masters or PhD in STEM disciplines.

The second set are opportunities for those of you interested in public service or public policy - the Udall Scholarship for students interested in environmental or Native American affairs and the Truman Scholarship for students interested in government, non-profit, education, and other public service sectors. I do want to mention that these are scholarships that you can apply to as non-seniors, so for the Udall, sophomores and juniors are eligible, and the Truman is for juniors only. So these are things to keep mind. You don’t have to wait until you’re a senior to start applying for particular fellowships.

And the third set I want to share are those that may be a good fit for those of you interested in global affairs and policy. There’s the Carnegie Gaither Junior Fellows which is a policy research fellowship and the Schwarzman Scholarship, which is a one-year graduate degree in global affairs that takes place in China.

That is a quick overview of a number of different programs that are out there. Believe it or not, these are just a small sampling of all the different fellowship opportunities that exist. So if you don’t see your areas of interest represented, don’t worry! The CCPA maintains a list of opportunities on the “Fellowships and Scholarships” section on our website, and there are websites like ProFellow.com, which I highly encourage you to check out, that has a searchable databases where you can find opportunities that align with your interests.

Just so you have a sense of what these two resources look like, I have a screenshot here of CCPA’s fellowships listing, which you can sort by location, type, area of focus, what class years can apply, as well as the deadline. So definitely take time to browse through these and see what opportunities might be of interest.

And this is a screenshot of Profellow’s database, and you can see the criteria on the left side that you can filter and search for the over 1000 opportunities that they have on their database. I would definitely recommend bookmarking this in your fellowship exploration process.
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This concludes part 2 of the Fellowships 101 video series. Be sure to watch part 3 to learn how to begin the process of exploring and applying to fellowships. Again, you can also schedule a meeting with me: you can sign up via Handshake, you can email me, and I’d be happy to chat with you about fellowship opportunities that align with your interests and your goals.