Demographic Question Block

Impact Fellowship programs - application for 2027

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BELOW.

The high-priority deadline for consideration is **11:59pm ET on Monday, November 2**. Applications may be submitted after that date, but they will not be guaranteed full consideration.

This application will take you around 30 minutes to complete. Please do not click "SUBMIT" on an incomplete application. If you wish to see a preview of the application form, you can find one at https://go.lehigh.edu/impactfellowships.

The Impact Fellowship program requires **two** semesters and **six** total academic credits. Applicants must be a full-time enrolled student at Lehigh and on campus (not studying abroad) both Spring and Fall 2027 semesters. Each semester, IFs are required to enroll in three (3) academic credits of Creative Inquiry (CINQ) courses (6 total for the program). Students will not be allowed to register or request overloads for CINQ courses until they are registered for their required degree-program courses. Therefore, all applicants will be required to have approval from their academic advisor before being accepted into the program. That approval does not have to be submitted with this initial application - we will contact your academic advisor separately.

Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA in order to be considered for the Impact Fellowship program.

Students in the IFs have the option to participate in the Mountaintop Summer Immersive program. The Mountaintop summer program is not a requirement of the Impact Fellowship. IFs on non-US-based projects are required to travel for fieldwork for 2-3 weeks during the summer (2027 dates can be found on the Impact Fellowship website), and Lehigh Valley IF projects also will conduct required fieldwork for two weeks in early summer 2027.

Specific questions about the program may be answered on the website (https://go.lehigh.edu/impactfellowships) or emailed to wrw210@lehigh.edu.

First Name:

Is There a Name (Other Than Your Given Name) That You Want Us to Use?

Last Name:

Your Pronouns:

- ◯ He/Him/His
- ◯ She/Her/Hers
- ◯ They/Them/Theirs
- ◯ Other (please specify):

LIN:

Lehigh Email Address:

In the Spring 2027 semester, I will be a/an:

- ◯ Undergraduate Student
- ◯ Graduate Student

Anticipated graduation date:

College of Enrollment:

- College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)
- College of Business (CB)
- Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science (RCEAS)
- College of Education (COE)
- College of Health (COH)
- Intercollegiate Programs or Combined College Programs (IC)

Major (*declared or intended*):

Program of enrollment in Spring 2027:

- Integrated Degree in Engineering and Arts and Sciences (IDEAS)
- Integrated Business and Engineering (IBE)
- Computer Science and Business (CSB)
- Integrated Business and Health (IBH)
- Arts and Engineering (AE)

Major #2 *(if applicable):*

Minor/s *(if none, type "N/A"):*

Degree Program *(include degree type & field of study)*:

Undergraduate degree(s) held, including the institution from which they were attained:

Previous graduate degree(s) completed *(if applicable)*:

Current GPA *(most recent semester completed - if 1st year student, estimate expected Fall 2026 GPA)*:

Name of your academic advisor:

Email address of your academic advisor (include @lehigh.edu):

Projects

Project Selection:
Review the linked project descriptions for the 2027 Impact Fellowships below. Select up to three projects you want to be considered for. Your application will go only to the faculty mentors of those projects. If none of them select you, you can opt in below if you wish to be considered for other available projects.

Project Description Website Links:

1. **Global Social Impact Fellowship** projects for 2027 are available here.
2. **Lehigh Valley Social Impact Fellowship** projects for 2027 are available here.
3. **Campus Social Impact Fellowship** projects for 2027 are available here.
4. **NextGen Pathways to Transformative Impact Fellowship** projects for 2027 are available here.

1st Project Choice:

2nd Project Choice:

3rd Project Choice:

If you are not accepted into one of your selected projects, would you like to be considered for other Impact Fellowship projects?

What interests you about your top project choices?

Describe any previous international, community engagement, or research experiences:

List any relevant skills or strengths that will help you succeed in your selected projects:

List previously completed courses (could be HS courses) that are relevant to your selected projects, if any:

List three (3) references, preferably from Lehigh [name, department & email], who can speak to your work ethic, character, etc.
NOTE: references will not be asked to submit a letter. They will only be contacted for a brief reference at the project mentor's discretion as part of the selection process

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

Reference 3:

Interest Questions

List five (5) specific reasons why you want to be an Impact Fellow.

Reason 1)

Reason 2)

Reason 3)

Reason 4)

Reason 5)

How do you see the Impact Fellowship supporting your professional aspirations?

Describe a time when you saw a problem and took action to change it.
What did you do? What did you learn?

Do you use generative AI tools? What is your general opinion about AI and its value?

Consents

GSIF / SVSIF Fieldwork Funding:
Most in-country, "on-the-ground" expenses are covered as part of GSIF fieldwork outside the U.S.
What amount of funding would you be able to personally contribute toward the costs of your fieldwork travel (airfare, visas, vaccinations if required, etc.)?

Your answer to this question will not affect the status of your application, does not commit you to future expenditures, and will only be seen by program administrators, used as a guide when funding decisions are made, along with your financial need status and other factors.

- ◯ I can spend up to $250
- ◯ I can spend up to $500
- ◯ I can spend up to $1,000
- ◯ I can spend up to $1,500
- ◯ I can spend up to $2,000
- ◯ Other (please explain):

Have you ever traveled outside the United States?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Do you have environmental or food allergies? (This can be an important consideration when traveling to other countries)? If so, please list them here.

Do you have other considerations which might impact your ability to travel? This could include physical limitations, mental health issues like social anxiety, etc. (*Note: Failure to disclose relevant travel-related considerations in a timely manner may lead to removal from the program, or from fieldwork*)

During fieldwork outside the U.S., students will share a room with someone of the same gender / gender identity. Are you comfortable sharing a room, and possibly a large bed, with another Lehigh student?

The Impact Fellowship programs involve several components. ***You must understand and commit to all before being accepted.***

- **SP27 semester** - CINQ 388 enrollment for 1 credit *(class meets Tuesdays 3:00-4:15 pm for NextGen IFs, Tuesdays from 7:15-9:55 pm for all others)*
- **SP27 semester** - CINQ 389 enrollment for 2 credits
- **January 30-31, 2027** - Global Entrepreneurial Leadership Intensive Retreat (Friday late afternoon thru Saturday late afternoon)
- **May 3, 2027** - 8:30am-4:00 pm Fieldwork Preparation Retreat (GSIF/LVSIF teams only)
- **Summer 2027** - Fieldwork in one of five sites (GSIF/LVSIF teams only):
  - Almaty, Kazakhstan fieldwork dates: May 20-June 5
  - Lehigh Valley (students will live on campus): May 21-June 4
  - Kuppam, India fieldwork dates: July 5-24
  - Sao Leopoldo, Brazil fieldwork dates: July 17-31
  - Makeni, Sierra Leone fieldwork dates: July 31-August 21
- **FA27 semester** - CINQ 387 enrollment for 1 credit *(Tuesdays 3:00-4:15 pm for NextGen IFs, Tuesdays from 7:15-9:55 pm for all others)*
- **FA27 semester** - CINQ 389 enrollment for 2 credits
- **September 19, 2027** - 8:30am-4:00pm Research Writing Retreat
- **early December 2027** - "Passing the Baton" ceremony *(date TBC)*

Please confirm your understanding and acceptance of these requirements by typing your full name below.

◯ If selected, I understand and agree to commit to all required components of the Impact Fellowship program.

- ◯ I cannot commit or agree to commit to all components. (explain below):

Are you a member of the Future Makers Society?

- ◯ No
- ◯ Yes

Finally...where / how did you hear about the Impact Fellowships?