the PROMOTIO FELLOWSHIP
Engaging the Global Jesuit Network

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
In the face of growing environmental and humanitarian crises, Pope Francis has called for “care for our common home,” urging the global community to take decisive action on issues including climate change, poverty and inequality, and forced migration.

Francis’ emphasis on the global common good resonates with the Jesuit commitment to service and promotio iustitiae (the promotion of justice). Georgetown University is part of an international network of Jesuit institutions seeking to address pressing global challenges through education and service around the world. Deeper collaboration within and across that network is critical to respond to the pope’s call.

Modeled on Georgetown’s long-standing and highly successful Education and Social Justice (ESJ) Project, the Promotio Fellowship will offer Georgetown undergraduates the opportunity to experience, study, and document innovative Jesuit efforts to “care for our common home” around the world along four tracks: migrant and refugee care, global health, environmental stewardship, and education.
**Why Georgetown?**

Georgetown University is uniquely positioned to carry out the vision of an expanded global social justice fellowship.

- As part of the international Jesuit network, Georgetown has the ability to place students in locally embedded, high-impact institutions around the world.
- At the institutional level, Georgetown is committed to service and social justice and instilling these values in our students.
- Individual faculty as well as university-wide initiatives, centers, and programs work across disciplines on issues of migration, global health, the environment, and education, organically and cohesively connecting these four tracks of the Promotio Fellowship.

**Leading the Charge**

**Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching, and Service (CSJ)**

Founded in 2001, CSJ’s mission is to promote and integrate community-based research, teaching, and service by collaborating with diverse partners and communities in order to advance justice and the common good. CSJ is home to several staff-run programs and over 40 student organizations, which are committed to advancing social justice in diverse fields, including education, migration, and health.

**Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs**

Founded in 2006, the Berkley Center conducts research and offers courses and student programming around global challenges with strong cultural and religious dimensions. The center’s faculty have deep ties to the Jesuit order and wider Catholic Church.
Our Vision for Expansion

To meet growing student demand and more fully live out our Jesuit values, Georgetown seeks to grow the ESJ program into the expanded Promotio Fellowship. By providing students an opportunity to develop original projects on four interconnected areas of global concern—education, global health, migration, and climate—the Promotio Fellowship builds on Georgetown’s core identity as a student-centered research university and its commitment to the global common good.

Greater Reach: The proposed expansion of the Education and Social Justice Project to the broader Promotio Fellowship will allow for us to provide a greater number of fellowships to undergraduate students from across Georgetown’s schools. Each year, between eight and 10 students will participate in the year-long fellowship opportunity, pursuing in-depth examinations of the work of the Society of Jesus and their partners in locations around the world.

Stronger Partnerships: Through the extensive global Jesuit network, we will identify host sites working to advance economic and social stability through educational, health, migration, and/or environmental initiatives. Thematic expansion will allow us to better support our local partners’ missions as they work to promote social justice by addressing a number of interconnected global challenges, as well as Pope Francis’ vision for holistic care of our common home. Further, we not only aim to strengthen bilateral partnerships between Georgetown and host institutions, but also to support a biannual global conference of partner institutions that allows members of our program network to share best practices, provides practical support such as grant-writing workshops, and gives our program alumni the opportunity to engage with our broader community of partners.

Increased Academic Rigor: The development of the Promotio Fellowship also entails a structural redesign from a one-credit to a three-credit model. Fellows will continue to benefit from a one-credit spring-semester research methods course, preparing them for all aspects of the research process, from interviewing protocols to digital scholarship design. In addition, their three to four weeks in country conducting fieldwork and their creation of a final published product will now be recognized as one-credit courses, respectively, reflecting the increased academic rigor of the program.

Research Impact: Stronger on-the-ground and campus partnerships, together with the more structured curricular framework, will provide the materials and infrastructure to produce higher-impact final reports. Working with the Berkley Center and CSJ, in partnership with the university digital scholarship librarian, Promotio Fellows will publish research findings in engaging digital format, allowing fellows to develop highly marketable skills in research outputs. Moreover, these digital reports will act as informative, accessible resources that provide qualitative, comparative research on community-based efforts, benefiting both our local partners and our target practitioner and policymaker audiences.

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Vulnerable populations served:
- Indigenous Communities
- Rural and Urban Poor
- Women and Children
- Post-Conflict Communities
- Migrants and Refugees
- Communities with Health Disparities

**AT A GLANCE**

38 student fellows in 38 countries
376 publicly available interviews

**A Decade of Success**

Gianna Maita (C'15): Today, I work as a researcher at an NGO in Cape Town, South Africa. The ESJ Fellowship definitely gave me the confidence to continue doing research. And I feel that the topic I studied (service-learning) also gave me the desire to work more on applied research. I loved academia, but I feel much more comfortable in the NGO space, where it is easier for our research findings to meet communities where they are.

Nicolas DiRago (C'14): I am currently a doctoral student in sociology at UCLA. ESJ was a formative step in my journey towards a career as a social scientist. One of my ESJ advisors warned me that I was designing my project and framing research questions as if I already knew the answer. This feedback, which graduate students regularly receive and struggle over, opened my eyes to a core challenge of social science: fusing a critical mind and prior knowledge with humility, rigor, and a sense of wonder about the world around us.
Your Support

Seeing social justice at work in the world is a transformative experience for Georgetown students. Building on the success of the Education and Social Justice Project, the Promotio Fellowship will allow students to deepen their understanding of contemporary global issues as they reflect on the role of local religious communities throughout the world and stand in solidarity with those at the margins of society.

Expanding access to these experiences is only possible through the partnership of our philanthropic community. Your support will help to remove financial barriers to participation for all students, including travel, housing, tuition, and a stipend for other living expenses.

A Permanent Legacy — Endowment

- Name and Endow the Promotio Fellowship Program — $4.5 million
  An endowed commitment of this size will provide funding for a cohort of eight to 10 Promotio Fellows in perpetuity — permanently providing more students with access to these life-altering experiences.

Immediate Impact — Current Use Funds

- Fund the Promotio Fellowship Program for One Year — $225,000
- Fund a Cohort of Promotio Fellows — $90,000
- Support the Promotio Fellowship Fund — Gifts of Any Size

Your generosity will greatly enhance Georgetown’s mission of education in the Jesuit tradition — forming the next generation of students to promote justice and live generously in service to others. On behalf of the students who will benefit from your support, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to continuing the conversation about your philanthropy at Georgetown.
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