NYU and Liberal Studies offer a set of opportunities that create multiple levels of engagement through which students can contribute meaningfully through service. In particular, the Liberal Studies mission emphasizes students, faculty, and administrators working collaboratively to develop “global leaders that will become agents of change in a changing world.” Opportunities for civic engagement, service learning, and volunteerism are thus integral to the mission and goals of LS and New York University. We encourage students to consider making a difference through their service!

**ORIENTATION & WELCOME WEEK OPPORTUNITIES**

**First-Year Day of Service** | During orientation week, new LS students are invited to volunteer for one of several service projects sponsored on campus and throughout NYC. Each service project emphasizes a particular community or social justice issue, which allows students and other volunteers to contribute toward issues that resonate with them. *Offered on the Friday of Orientation.*

**Project Outreach** | A week-long program prior to NYU’s Welcome Week that pairs service-minded incoming first year and transfer students with peer mentors to learn about and perform service throughout New York City. *Application deadline in June.*

**ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**

**LS Alternative Breaks** | The LS Alternative Breaks program provides students with the opportunity to learn about political and social community dynamics while becoming a catalyst for collaborative change. Through both learning and practice, students explore the integration of service, education, and reflection to enact change. A cohort of LS students will meet throughout the academic year, and visit either an international or domestic location each spring semester to undertake a project relevant for that community. Recent examples include service programs in Guatemala, Detroit and Flint. *Application deadline in September.*

**NYU Alternative Breaks** | Similar to the LS Alternative Breaks, this program provides students across NYU the opportunity to participate in a year-long experience exploring social, political, and cultural dynamics of a particular community. Through learning and practice, students explore themes of service, education, and reflection to create purposeful change in their communities. *Application deadline in September.*

**EVENTS, ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS**

**Liberal Studies Leadership & Service Boot Camp** | An intensive and interactive session designed to equip participants with the knowledge to build leadership skills, engage with service opportunities, and make relevant career connections for both local and global impact. This boot camp is especially valuable for students hoping to understand resources and programs available in order to frame their own definition of leadership and service. *Offered in Fall & Spring.*

**Liberal Studies Monthly Service Opportunities** | Throughout the academic year, Liberal Studies coordinates service projects for students to volunteer and make a difference. Service projects emphasize particular community and/or social justice issues allowing students to contribute toward meaningful solutions. *Offered on a monthly basis.*

**NYU Social Impact Week** | Social Impact Week is a collaboration between student groups, external organizations, alumni, and faculty with the goal of inspiring positive change in the NYU community. The lectures, discussion panels, volunteering, and other programming offered during the week intend to create tangible and sustainable impact. *Held in March.*

**Service and Volunteer Fairs** | At the beginning of each semester, NYU Service and the Center for Student Life host a campus-wide fair to connect students with local non-profit and community-based organizations offering internships and/or volunteer opportunities. *Offered in Fall & Spring.*

**PEER SERVICE & MENTORSHIP**

**Liberal Studies Student Council** | The Liberal Studies Student Council (LSSC) directly represents the interests of Core Program and Global Liberal Studies students at NYU, across the global network, and within Liberal Studies. The LSSC ensures inclusive governance, advocates for issues important to all students, supports club activities and programming, and sponsors events and social gatherings for Liberal Studies. LSSC is headed by an Executive Board, as well as four class representatives (all elected democratically by the student body), and various administrative or service subcommittees. The Chair and Representative elections are held in the fall semester, while the remainder of the Executive Board members are elected in the spring semester. Interested students are welcome to join LSSC subcommittees or attend biweekly General Assembly meetings. *Offered in Fall & Spring.*
**Offering grants that range from $500 to $2000. Applications accepted year-round.**

**Social Impact Grants |** Social Impact Grants fund student initiatives that involve making a difference in communities and enriching the quality of life. These grants model the idea that contributing back to a particular community is both an important educational experience and critical preparation for the practice of global citizenship. Applicants must be matriculated Liberal Studies students in at least the second semester of their first year. Awards range from $500 to $2000. *Applications accepted year-round.*

**Reynolds Changemaker Challenge |** The Changemaker Challenge is an opportunity for NYU undergraduate students to fulfill their visions of sustainable and scalable social change. Through a comprehensive array of workshops and resources, students establish non-profits, for-profits, or hybrid organizations that bring about positive social impact in communities across the country and around the world. Selected teams receive up to $10,000, sponsored resources, and professional consulting services for their venture. *Held in Fall.*

**NYU Community Service Project Grants |** Offering grants that range from $100 to $500, these grants support service on the Lower East Side and Greenwich Village and in the neighborhoods adjacent to the many NYU schools and divisions. *Application deadline in May.*

**NYU Wasserman Center Internship Grants |** Wasserman awards competitive grants of $1,000 each term to provide financial assistance to students pursuing non-paying internships within non-profits, the arts, education, public service, and other industries that do not traditionally pay interns. *Application deadlines in Fall & Spring.*

**QUESTIONS?**

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