

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NYU and Liberal Studies

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 where 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.*

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 Service Ambassadors | Students that have demonstrated commitment to service and civic engagement. Service Ambassadors participate in a yearlong program partnering with organizations across New York City to promote awareness of social issues and service opportunities. Service Ambassadors volunteer on a weekly basis at partner organizations. *Application deadline in Summer.*

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. Interested students are welcome to join LSSC subcommittees or attend biweekly General Assembly meetings. *Offered in Fall & Spring.*

Liberal Studies Student Leaders | The Liberal Studies Student Leader (SL) program is a unique service opportunity where select students share their knowledge and experiences with first-year and prospective students, and develop community across Liberal Studies and NYU. In particular, Student

Leaders are full-time students who serve as a resource in creating a more inclusive community for Liberal Studies students. Student Leaders are engaged in relevant programming and mentoring that supports new and prospective students in their transition to Liberal Studies and NYU, including orientation and admissions events and other programming throughout the academic year. *Application deadline in February.*

Liberal Studies Peer Mentors | Mentorship programs are available for both first-generation and international students enrolled in Liberal Studies, where each student is matched with an upper-level peer mentor during the first year in Liberal Studies. The mentor helps with transition to college life, while providing academic and personal connections and support. The mentors are committed to offering guidance and encouragement, and answering questions about student life and resources. *Application deadline in Spring.*

NYU Peer Mentorship & Support Programs | NYU offers numerous academic, community, and career-based leadership programs for students to serve as a resource for peers, such as Admissions Ambassadors, Resident Advisors, Commuter Assistants, Learning Assistants, Peer Educators, Career Ambassadors, and many more! For more information about peer support programs, visit bit.ly/NYUPeerMentorship.

NYC Public Service Corps | The New York City Public Service Corps (formerly known as the Urban Corps) began more than 40 years ago as an alternative to on-campus placements for students receiving Federal Work-Study Program financial aid. Public Service Corps internships are for undergraduate and graduate Work-Study students. With more than 30 city agencies participating, students may choose from a myriad of internship opportunities related to their college major. For more information, students should reach out to Jason Schultz, Assistant Director, Office of Civic Engagement, at jason.schultz@nyu.edu.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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.*

Liberal Studies Volunteer Grants | Students involved with volunteer projects are eligible to apply for small grants through Liberal Studies to help offset some of the costs associated with volunteerism, such as MetroCard purchases for

travel to volunteer sites and meals while volunteering. Awards range up to \$200. *Applications accepted year-round.*

The\$ 300K Entrepreneurs Challenge | One of the largest and most innovative accelerator programs and startup competitions in the world. Participants experience how-to workshops, hands-on boot camps and one-on-one coaching sessions—all designed to guide them step-by-step through the startup process, from idea to launch. The Social Venture Competition recognizes and supports the growing number of students and alumni interested in using their entrepreneurial skills to create innovative approaches to tackling social problems, here and abroad. Social Venture Competition winners share a \$75,000 prize to help launch their ventures. *Application deadline Fall.*

Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U) | To harness the potential of the next generation of leaders from campuses around the world, the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U) convenes an annual conference where students, youth organizations, and renowned experts come together to convert ideas into action. As either individuals or groups, students develop a “commitment to action” plan that addresses a pressing global issue such as climate change or poverty alleviation. *Application deadline in December.*

Davis Project for Peace Grants | Through grants of \$10,000, this fund supports projects that promote peace, build understanding and address the root causes of conflict among parties. *Application deadline in Spring.*

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 and Summer.*

QUESTIONS?



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