**The Olga Gruss Lewin Post-Graduate Fellowship**

**Dartmouth Center for Social Impact**

***Pursuing significant acts of citizenship and service***

***Supporting 10- to 12-month community service projects after graduation***

***General Information for Candidates­***

The purpose of the Fellowship, established through a gift from Andrew '81 and Marina Lewin, is to support graduates who have proven leadership in the Dartmouth community and who are pursuing significant acts of citizenship and service to others within the year immediately following graduation.

The Fellowship supports an unpaid ten-month to one-year service project affiliated with a non-profit organization immediately following graduation. Up to $20,000 in funding is available for project & living expenses. Fellows may serve in the United States or abroad.

The Fellows will be selected based on the merit of their proposals, applicable skills to the project, and consideration of their acts of leadership, citizenship, and service while undergraduates.

Applications are available online at

**Application deadline:**

**11:59 PM February 15, 2018 for the 2018-2019 Lewin Post-Graduate Fellowship.**

**(All application materials must be received via email by this time to be considered.)**

**At least one advising appointment is mandatory before submitting an application.**

***Fellowship Project Criteria***

* The Olga Gruss Lewin Post-Graduate Fellowship is available to graduating Dartmouth College seniors. The fellowship must start within 3 months of fellows' graduation and must be 10 to 12 months in duration. Fellows must work a minimum 40 hours per week on their projects.
* Project requirements:
* The project should be with a non-profit organization (domestic or abroad) that is politically non-partisan; fellows may not function as lobbyists or be involved in missionary work. The partner organization should serve an under-resourced community.
* The community service project should be unpaid and focus on addressing needs of the local community in partnership with a non-profit. (Examples: training teachers at a local school, conducting public health outreach initiatives, developing marketing campaigns and business/development strategies for a non-profit, creating a youth mentoring program, etc.)
* The project should attempt to yield sustainable outcomes and may also focus on capacity building for the organization.
* The service project must have clearly written goals and outcomes—the service project goals are realistic, measurable and can be reached in the amount of time allotted for the project.
* The service project should have proven added value to the organization; the applicant must demonstrate that he/she will be fully engaged in meaningful work for the organization.
* The service project should be innovative, timely, or unique in its focus. The applicant must demonstrate how they can add value to the service project with applied skills and perspectives that are needed by the organization.
* The graduate must demonstrate how the service project will be a significant new learning experience (this might include exposure to a new part of the world, exploring a new line of work/potential career, experiencing a completely different culture, learning about new social issues, etc.).
* The applicant must have relevant skills to carry out the project (including language skills) and also express a clear appreciation for diverse points of view.
* The applicant's prior academic focus, professional aspirations, and personal goals should connect to this intended service project in an intentional way.
* The applicant's communicated goals and values should also be congruent with the mission and focus of the Community Services Organization/Non-profit Organization.
* The awardee agrees to supply a 10 page reflection report, engage in a telephone debriefing with a Dartmouth Center for Service staff member and attend at least one reunion of Olga Gruss Lewin Fellows at Dartmouth (most expenses paid).

***Application Instructions­­­­­­­­­­­­***

It is mandatory that you meet with an advisor at the Dartmouth Center for Service at least one time before submitting your application. Please blitz "Lewin post-grad" for an appointment.

Complete applications are to be submitted via email to Lewin.Post-Graduate.Fellowship@Dartmouth.edu by

11:59 PM on February 15, 2017. One PDF document is preferred for the main components of the application (short answers, essays, proposal, budget & resume). The supervisor’s statement & recommendation letters must also be submitted by this deadline.

**A completed application includes, in this order**:

* **Short Answer**
* **Essay Response**
* **Project Proposal** (see guidelines below)
* **Budget Sheet**
* **Resume**
* **Supervisor's Statement form** completed by the agency where you plan to work, confirming your position and stating your duties.
* **Two letters of recommendation** - one from a former supervisor (include non-paid or service work), and an academic reference from a Dartmouth College faculty member.

**Any supporting hard copy materials may be addressed to:**

Lewin Post-Graduate Fellowship Committee

C/O Tracy Dustin-Eichler, Assistant Director

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Dartmouth College

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Each year, 1-2 Olga Gruss Lewin Post-Graduate Fellows are selected based on: the merit of fellowship proposal, the proposal’s congruence with the Lewin fellowship criteria and the goals of the NGO, the quality of the application materials and references, the applicant's relevant skills to carry out the projects outlined in the proposal, the applicant's leadership experiences on campus and off, the applicant’s past good academic and social standing with the College, and the applicant’s expressed motivation to undertake the fellowship.

Applications are available on our website:

http://www.dartmouth.edu/service/funded/postgrad.html

Applications will be assessed by the Lewin Fellowship Selection Committee, which may be composed of Dartmouth Center for Service administrators, Dartmouth students, and Dartmouth faculty members.

**NOTE: All awards may be considered taxable income by the Internal Revenue Service.**