

## **Lang Social Impact Fellowship Application**

The intention of the Lang Social Impact Fellowship is to empower scholars with their partners to engage in systems change activities designed to close the gap(s) between social challenges and solutions. Key features of the Lang Social Impact Fellowship program include: mentoring, training, and funding.

This application is the first step in applying for a Lang Social Impact Fellowship. Some applicants may be invited to screening and/or in person or virtual interview. If you are selected for an interview, then you will need to submit a detailed budget.

NOTE: Since it is not possible to “save and continue” in the online application, please craft all of your answers in a Word, then copy and paste into this online form once you are ready to submit your application.

Applications may be submitted between March 31 and April 30.

Email address:

Name (Last Name, First Name):

### **Looking Back**

1. Past Experience: Briefly summarize the social impact project, organization, or initiative you launched previously as an undergraduate. (5-7 sentences)
2. Failures: In what ways did you “fail forward” (that is, learn from failure and apply lessons to future work)?
3. Impact: What evidence can you provide to support the claim that your project, organization, or initiative has been effective or successful so far (usage of product or service, policy change, the introduction of new legislation, app downloads, other metrics)?
4. Education: How did your Swarthmore College education inform the arc of your project, organization, or initiative so far and where you intend to head during the fellowship year? Be sure to list specific courses (including coursework completed elsewhere) along with insights gleaned from those courses (including readings, assignments, etc.). If applicable, describe the ways in which you integrated any (under)graduate social impact work into your assignments, senior theses, dissertations, projects, etc.

### **Looking Ahead**

5. Project Title and Abstract (5 sentences total): A successful abstract will tell us what the root of the problem is, and note where it occurs (1 sentence); it tells us about the stakeholders and

constituencies who are directly impacted by this issue or problem (1 sentence); it will describe how you envision working with specific others to close the impact gap between the social challenges and solutions (1-3 sentences).

6. Mind the Gap: View Daniela Papi Thornton's TedxBend talk (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdrfMqBRfEQ>) and then complete the Impact Gaps Canvas answering all of the guiding questions in each category (<http://tacklingheropreneurship.com/the-impact-gaps-canvas/>). Please upload your Impact Gap Canvas here.

7. Strategy: If you are applying for the Lang Social Impact Fellowship, you have committed yourself to a specific group of people and issue(s) for a substantial period of time. You may have more to learn. There might be gaps in your social network so you might have more connections to make. You might see opportunities and threats that others don't, but need to see. You might know that you can't do this work alone and need to leverage the efforts of social safekeepers, explorers, advocates, and entrepreneurs. How -- and with whom -- will you persevere in this purpose driven work during the fellowship year? Specify the key strategies, tactics, and partnerships you will pursue as your enduring commitment continues.

8. Impact: How will you determine the extent to which you -- and those you'll work with -- have "moved the needle" on disrupting or transforming the system that has sustained this social challenge or problem?

## References

Please have at least three references submit a letter (or email!) on your behalf. If it is written in a language other than English, please append a translation to an email to [jmagee1@swarthmore](mailto:jmagee1@swarthmore).

At least one of the letters should come from a community partner who you worked with during your project as an undergraduate who can comment upon the social impact of your project.

At least one other reference should be a member of a stakeholder group with whom you will work during the coming year. She/he/they should comment on how you came to work together, how long you have known each other and in what context(s), as well as their individual role within the organization and the nature of your working relationship.

The third reference could include: faculty member, mentor, alumni, member(s) of the Dean's Office, past volunteer, job, or internship supervisor, etc.

Please direct your references to email their letters to: Dr. Jennifer Magee, Associate Director of the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility, [jmagee1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:jmagee1@swarthmore.edu) no later than April 30.