

# Opportunities for Community Engagement from the Honey W. Nashman Center



Honey W. Nashman Center  
for Civic Engagement  
and Public Service

# What Can You Do To Make A Difference?

## **Knapp Fellowship for Entrepreneurial Service-Learning**

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Receive up to \$10,000 by combining scholarship with action. Work with a faculty advisor and one or more community partners.

## **Eco-Equity Challenge**

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Receive up to \$5,000 for your social innovation efforts to address environmental and social justice issues in Washington, DC. Individual or team projects welcome.

## **Public Service Grant Commission**

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Win up to \$2,500 by providing institutional support to individuals and organizations to carry out innovative, feasible community service programs and ideas.

# GWupstart

[GWupstart](#) is GW's central hub for social innovation training, mentoring and funding. Approximately \$45,000 in funding is available every year to support student innovation projects.

In addition, we provide mentorship and support to students to turn their ideas into practical action that makes a measurable, sustained difference.

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The Nashman Center defines social innovation as *creative approaches to addressing social problems*. All projects supported by GWupstart strive to be ethical, creative, systematic, sustainable and created in partnership with community organizations and the residents who will be affected by the project.



# Knapp Fellowship for Entrepreneurial Service-Learning

The award will recognize one or more innovative proposals each year and will provide support for their implementations with up to \$10,000 in award per academic year. Selection is at the discretion of the Provost, who reviews recommendations made by a committee of faculty and representatives from the Nashman Center.

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GW undergraduate and graduate students may [apply independently or with a group of students](#) and are selected to design and implement entrepreneurial service-learning projects.

- Chosen fellows work with the Nashman Center and may work with other students or community partners to execute a project that makes a significant difference to the lives of others.
- Fellows must work throughout the project with a faculty advisor who guides research on the issue, implementation of the proposal, ongoing reports and assessments, and a final work of scholarship.



- Step 1: Contact [Wendy Wagner](mailto:wagnerw@gwu.edu) for an initial advising meeting at [wagnerw@gwu.edu](mailto:wagnerw@gwu.edu)
- Step 2: Submit a proposal by May 26th, 2020
- Step 3: Finalists are contacted and prepare presentations to a review panel
- Step 4: Selected Knapp Fellows implement their scholarly work and community project in the 2020/2021 academic year

# Eco-Equity Challenge

[The Office of Sustainability](#) and the [Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service](#) provide support for GW students in their social entrepreneurial efforts to address environmental and social justice issues in Washington, DC. With support from Challenge staff and in collaboration with a local partner organization, GW students are invited to propose a project that enhances the local community. The project must have both environmental and social impact in an underserved or low-income neighborhood.

Winning students or teams will be awarded between \$500 and \$5,000 for their projects. Students are required to work with a GW faculty or staff mentor as a resource and are not prohibited from receiving other funding for their projects

GW undergraduate and graduate student are eligible to apply. Projects may be an individual or team submissions; teams can include up to 5 students. Applicants must be enrolled for the next full academic year. Budget and timeline templates can be found [here](#).



Deadline: February 7th, 2020


## Questions?

Contact us at  
[upstart@gwu.edu](mailto:upstart@gwu.edu)

# Public Service Grant Commission

The Public Service Grant Commission encourages and cultivates student-led social innovation by providing institutional support to individuals and organizations to carry out innovative, feasible community service programs and ideas. Grant awards range from \$500 – \$2500 per individual or group project, per deadline.

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The deadlines to apply for the 2018-19 academic year are:

- September 27, 2019
- November 1, 2019
- February 7, 2020
- March 27, 2020

Or check out our website [here](#).

- **Enhancement Project:** An action-oriented project that proposes an additional service component, which seeks to meet an organization's mission. Enhancement projects may propose an additional component of service to bolster the organization's capacity to meet its mission.
  - Example: Providing hot lunches to students involved in a nonprofit organization specializing in increasing literacy rates of underserved youth.
- **Innovation Project:** A wholly unique focused action-oriented solution that proposes a new approach meeting pressing community needs. May or may not be in partnership with an existing organization.
  - Example: Starting a baseball skills training camp to address issues of childhood obesity, life skills and athletic development for young men in Ward 8 of Washington DC.

# Projects for Peace

[Projects for Peace](#) invites undergraduates at US colleges and universities to design grassroots projects that promote peace and address the root causes of conflict. Applicants should use their creativity to address the root causes of conflict among parties with a focus on conflict prevention, resolution and reconciliation. These projects must be implemented during the summer immediately following acceptance of the grant and may take place anywhere in the world (pending GW approval).

Projects selected will receive a \$10,000 grant to advance their ideas for building peace. [You may submit as an individual or as a group of GW students.](#) You may also raise funding from other sources to advance the project.



Deadline: January 31st, 2020

Find out more information [here.](#)

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This initiative is part of a \$1 million endowment in honor of the late Kathryn W. Davis, an accomplished philanthropist, and advocate for peace. You must address each of the questions in this application and provide an additional one page budget on the template provided. The narrative part of the application should be no longer than two pages total using Book Antiqua 10pt font and with 1" Margins. Please keep this in mind when submitting your responses.

# Clinton Global Initiative University

## *Commitment Maker Challenge*

Founded in 2007, [Clinton Global Initiative University](#) (CGI U) brings together more than 1,000 students to make a difference in CGI U's five focus areas: Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. University students of all levels to discuss and deepen their Commitments to Action at this annual meeting.

Students who have been accepted to CGI U can apply for funding from the Nashman Center to supplement travel costs to the annual meeting and/or fund their Commitments to Action.



Deadline: October  
15th, 2019

Find out more  
information [here](#).

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## Student Resources

[2019-2020 Prospective Student Webinar](#)

[Draft Application](#)

[CGI U 2020 Application](#)

For application assistance, schedule a one on one meeting with a [GWupstart Social Innovation Hub mentor](#).



## For more information:

- Website: <https://serve.gwu.edu>
- Twitter: @GWServes
- Nashman News: weekly e-newsletter (subscribe on our website)



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