



Consortium for Diplomacy and Global Action

Teachers College, Columbia University

Global Policy Fellowship Program

Empowering Emerging Leaders in Diplomacy and Global Action

Are you passionate about addressing critical global challenges and driving transformative change? The **Global Policy Fellowship Program at Teachers College, Columbia University (TC)** is a prestigious, year-long initiative designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in global policy and diplomacy.

Open to TC's students from diverse disciplines, the program offers immersive training and placement opportunities in areas such as **education policy, international development, human rights, climate change, global health, and gender equity, arts, and more**. Fellows gain direct exposure to the policymaking ecosystem, working alongside United Nations affiliates, committees, subcommittees, and member-state missions to transform research into actionable proposals that can influence international decision-making.

What You Will Gain

- Hands-on policy experience in global diplomacy, development, and advocacy.
- Direct engagement with U.N. representatives, agencies, and international policy leaders.
- Mentorship and guidance from Teachers College faculty and U.N. experts.
- Leadership skills for navigating cross-cultural, high-impact environments.
- Collaborative problem-solving through interdisciplinary, team-based projects.
- Publication opportunities, including contributions to the *Reflective Global Policy Journal*.

Impact on the World Stage

As a Global Policy Fellow, you will contribute directly to U.N. policy processes by bridging academic research and global practice. Your work will inform international dialogues, shape draft resolutions, and strengthen Teachers College's leadership role in advancing education, policy innovation, and social justice.

Program Themes & Faculty Mentors

Fellows are placed in interdisciplinary teams and paired with a [faculty mentor](#) aligned to one of the following thematic areas:

- **Education, Environment & Sustainable Development** – Prof. Oren Pizmony-Levy
- **Education in Emergencies** – Prof. Mary Mendenhall
- **Education for Peace** – Prof. Garnett Russell
- **Education & the Arts** – Prof. Jeanne Goffi-Fynn

Additional guest mentors from the U.N. system and allied organizations will join to provide specialized guidance in diplomacy, advocacy, and negotiation.

Program Structure & Timeline

Phase 1: Orientation & Training (Fall 2024)

- **October 10:** Call for Applications
- **October 31:** Application Deadline
- **November 17:** Decision Notifications
- **November 21–23:** Onboarding Days
- **December 5–6:** *Model U.N. Leadership Program* & UNGA Gala
- **December 19–20:** *Teachers College Model United Nations Conference* (TCMUN – inaugural edition)

Phase 2: Placement & Research (Jan–May 2025)

- Placement with U.N. agencies, missions, or affiliated bodies.

- Service on the UN Wellbeing & Education Forum Organizing Committee.
- Participation in U.N. policy sessions and consultations with stakeholders.
- Three structured meetings with TC faculty and U.N. mentors to shape a Final Proposal.
- **Deliverables:**
 - *Reflective Global Policy Journal* entries analyzing policy processes.
 - *Final Proposal* outlining a policy initiative ready for transformation into a draft resolution.

Phase 3: Draft Resolution Development & Advocacy (May–Aug 2025)

- Translation of research and proposals into a **formal draft resolution**.
- **Workshops with U.N. experts** on resolution-writing, lobbying, negotiation, and advocacy.
- Ongoing consultations with missions and agencies to build alliances.
- Fellows meet regularly with mentors to refine their resolutions and reflective journal entries.
- **Deliverables:**
 - *Reflective Global Policy Journal* documenting negotiation and advocacy efforts.
 - *Draft Resolution* informed by academic research and stakeholder engagement.
 - *Advocacy Strategy* to navigate U.N. sponsorship and support.
 - Securing at least **one sponsor and one signatory** for the draft resolution.

Capstone & CDGA Gala Dinner (August 15, 2025)

- Presentation of **final proposals and draft resolutions** to policy leaders, U.N. partners, and the TC community.

- Showcase of fellows' contributions to international policymaking.
- **Gala Dinner Celebration** honoring fellows' impact and achievements.

Why Apply?

The Global Policy Fellowship Program is not only a professional development opportunity—it is a platform to shape global agendas, expand your network, and leave a lasting mark on international policymaking. Fellows emerge from the program with **published work, practical diplomacy experience, and global networks** that position them as future leaders in academia, government, and international organizations.

Stipend

Fellows will receive a monthly stipend of **\$500** from **December 2025** to **July 2026**.

Study Abroad Scholarship

Each fellow will receive a **fully funded scholarship** to participate in one of TC's study abroad programs taking place between **January 2026** and **July 2026**. The scholarship will cover the program fee for the study abroad course. In addition, fellows will receive a **\$500** travel stipend to help offset the cost of airfare.

Please note: if you choose to enroll in the study abroad course for academic credit, you will be responsible for the associated tuition costs.

Check the Office of Global Engagement Website to Choose your Program.