



PHILANTHROPIST SHELBY DAVIS AND GLOBAL CITIZEN YEAR

ANNOUNCE GAP YEAR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2015 GRADUATING UWC STUDENTS

UWC International Patron Shelby M.C. Davis is launching an exciting new Gap Year Scholarship Opportunity for UWC students. Starting with students who will be graduating in 2015, the scholarship will give selected participants the opportunity to pursue a year-long and life-changing international experience prior to their first year of college. Davis Philanthropy is pleased to be partnering with award-winning Global Citizen Year to provide scholarships to as many as 20 UWC graduates for a purposeful “bridge year”.

ABOUT GLOBAL CITIZEN YEAR

Global Citizen Year is a non-profit social enterprise forging a new educational pathway for emerging leaders.

Each year, we recruit and train a diverse corps of high potential high school graduates and support them through a transformative “bridge year” after high school. Through intensive training and immersion in communities across Africa, Latin America and (soon to be) Asia, our Fellows contribute to local efforts in education, technology, health and the environment while developing the self-awareness, grit and global skills they need to be transformative leaders in college, careers and life.

We envision a world in which this “bridge year” becomes a common expectation and opportunity—transforming education, and unleashing the potential of our next generation as social innovators and global citizens.

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A GLOBAL CITIZEN YEAR FELLOW



ABOUT THE DAVIS GLOBAL CITIZEN YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

- Offered exclusively for UWC students graduating in 2015
- Scholarships cover airfare, full program expenses, and room and board
- There are 20 full scholarships available for 2015
- To apply, students need to visit <http://globalcitizenyear.org/apply/why-join/>
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Emmy Highsmith at emmy@globalcitizenyear.org

THE DETAILS

What does the scholarship pay for and what will the UWC graduate be responsible for paying?

The Davis Global Citizen Year Scholarship is a need-based scholarship that will take into account the students' current financial situation. A full scholarship will cover round trip international airfare, program expenses and room and board during the program. Partial scholarships are also available, based on the financial needs of the applicants' family. The student, depending on financial need, will be responsible for paying any airfare necessary to arrive in California, vaccines, passports and visa costs.

How does a student apply?

The Global Citizen Year application is online. UWC students will apply through Global Citizen Year and in that application process will indicate they are a UWC student. There is a written application and, if selected as a finalist, an interview. The application can be found at globalcitizenyear.org/apply.

When do students apply?

We offer Rolling Admissions for UWC students, which means a UWC student can apply anytime between **September and May 2015**. We highly recommend applying as early as possible for the reasons outlined below.

Priority Decision (Apply by Dec 1)

This round offers the most advantages to UWC applicants. Benefits include:

- 1. Financial Aid and Scholarships:** due to a limited amount of scholarship funds (20 full scholarships for UWC students), earlier applicants will be first in line to receive aid
- 2. Country Matching:** applicants in this round are guaranteed their first choice country (assuming medical clearance)
- 3. Visas:** international UWC students who will require special visas to travel to the US and/or country placement sites may need more time acquire proper visas
- 4. Early notification:** allows you to share your bridge year plans with potential colleges – whether during or after the application process

Regular Decision (Apply by March 1)

This round typically has the highest volume of applicants, thereby limiting scholarship and country placement preference. In this round, the Davis Scholarship and spots in countries are still available, but due to high competition preference cannot be guaranteed.

Final Decision (Apply by May 15, 2015)

Applicants wishing to apply during this period should note that **it is possible all 20 Davis Scholarships will have already been awarded and country preference is limited**. Fellows who plan to be away for some or most of the summer should plan on applying in the Priority or Regular Deadline to allow more time for obtaining a passport and visas and completing other necessary tasks.

Where are Fellows placed?

Global Citizen Year offers bridge year opportunities in Senegal, Brazil, Ecuador and India.

Regardless of country placement, a Global Citizen Year begins and ends in the U.S. with intensive training in global development, social innovation and entrepreneurial leadership. Of the 9-month program, 8 months are spent in the Fellow's host country.

What do Fellows do during their Global Citizen Year?

Once Fellows arrive at their sites, their experience consists of three primary components: homestay, apprenticeship, and language learning. In their homestay they learn what it means to be a member of a local family. They will be

matched to an apprenticeship within fields of education, health, environmental stewardship, and/or technology. These apprenticeships are a rare opportunity for Fellows to learn firsthand from experts and practitioners, observe the inner workings of local organizations and, over time, contribute their efforts in service of these local solutions. Through both their homestay and their apprenticeship, Fellows develop and hone their language skills, working towards fluency.

Although all Fellows follow the Global Citizen Year curriculum, each has a unique experience based on his/her individual homestay and apprenticeship placements.

Are there grade/gpa/test score requirements?

There are three overarching qualities Global Citizen Year looks for in a UWC applicant: drive, curiosity, and grit. We are searching for stellar applicants who display these qualities, and who we believe possess leadership potential. We ask for an applicant's transcript to better understand her/his background, and look for trends in her/his high school career. The transcript is one of many different things that we look at - and we do not exclusively admit students who have high GPAs. We are interested in finding UWC applicants who are hungry for the experience we provide, and who would be a good match for Global Citizen Year, and vice versa.

Who is eligible to apply, and what is included in the application?

Any graduating UWC senior who has not yet started college/university, is eligible to apply for Global Citizen Year. Our main application requires a written response, two letters of recommendation, UWC transcript, FAFSA/SAR, and a few other documents.

How does a Global Citizen Year work with college applications?

There are a few different ways students can navigate their college application process.

- Most students simultaneously apply to colleges and Global Citizen Year. Upon being admitted to both, they defer their college acceptance for a year and complete our program.
- Some students apply to college, accept, defer, and then re-apply to a different college *during* their Global Citizen Year.
- A few students wait until they have started and/or completed their Global Citizen Year to apply to college.

Our Fellows have had success using all of these approaches, and many report that their Global Citizen Year helped them get into their college of choice.

How do colleges view a Global Citizen Year?

Many colleges actively encourage a bridge year. Yale, Harvard, Stanford, Tufts and The New School are examples of universities that actively encourage their applicants to take a meaningful bridge year before attending college. Some examples of university programs include:

Tufts University 1+4 Bridge Year Program: Global Citizen Year partners with Tufts for their bridge year program, one that does not provide academic credit but is operated through Tufts exclusively for accepted applicants

The New School 1+3 Bridge Year Program: Global Citizen Year partners with The New School (TNS) to provide a year of credit for TNS students participating in our bridge year program

Dickinson College Bridge Year Program: applicants who have participated in a meaningful bridge year program are eligible for a \$10,000 scholarship

GLOBAL CITIZEN YEAR



HELLO

UWC STUDENTS!

We are excited to announce a NEW Scholarship opportunity for you! The Davis Global Citizen Year Scholarship gives UWC students the opportunity to spend one year abroad prior to your first year of college.

WHAT IS GLOBAL CITIZEN YEAR?

Each year, we select a talented and diverse group of high school graduates to spend a year abroad as Fellows in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

We offer a new pathway, after high school and before college. It's an experience filled with growth. Perspective. Adventure. Friendship. Travel. Work experience. Homestays. Language. And giving back.

1 YEAR TO UNLOCK A LIFETIME OF POTENTIAL

THERE ARE

20 EXCLUSIVE

UWC SCHOLARSHIPS!!

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APPLY NOW

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A GLOBAL CITIZEN

PRIORITY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2014

NOW

MAY-JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER-MARCH

APRIL

MAY-JUNE



SENIOR YEAR!
apply. become a fellow.



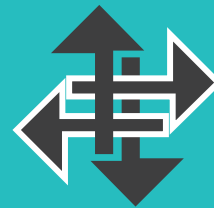
SUMMER
mobilize your community.



PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING
arrive & meet your team. connect with inspiring global leaders.



IN-COUNTRY ORIENTATION
arrive in host country. study: language, culture & current events.



APPRENTICESHIP & HOMESTAY
immerse. integrate with family, work & community.



RE-ENTRY TRAINING
rejoin all global fellows in the US. prepare to transition.



CAPSTONE
return home. share your experience.

“Global Citizen Year was a natural expansion on UWC values, empowering me to become more curious and impact-oriented. I couldn't have made a better decision!” ~ SPENCER WATSON, UWC 2013