Funded by a generous grant from President Lee C. Bollinger, the Presidential Global Fellowship offers first-year undergraduates who are seeking to develop a strong global foundation and a deeper understanding of the world around them with a unique opportunity to enrich their Columbia education beginning in the summer after their first year.

The Fellowship will provide funding for participation on a Columbia summer study abroad program to a highly select group of intellectually curious students who are able to imagine how an overseas experience can influence their examination of critical issues and who are committed to finding meaningful ways to engage a broad range of global topics throughout their undergraduate career.

To accommodate a broad range of interests, the Fellowship provides structured advising and enhanced programming that supports the development of individualized global education plans. These customized plans help guide the Fellows while they study abroad and when they return so they may make the best use of the University’s global networks on campus and in the world beyond College Walk.

Presidential Global Fellows will:

- Discover a new perspective about an academic discipline, body of knowledge, or specific issue;
- Build a knowledge base and network that empowers them to continue exploring global opportunities and supports them as they integrate their experiences into life back on campus;
- Develop core global competencies such as cultural knowledge, foreign language skills, critical thinking, and cross-cultural communication skills.

Candidates for the Presidential Global Fellowship must:

- Be a matriculated student with first-year standing in Columbia College, the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, or the School of General Studies during spring 2014,
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better,
- Apply and be accepted to a Columbia Summer Study Abroad Program for summer 2014, and
- Be committed to the goals of the Fellowship.