



# Graduate Fellows Program 2026 Annual Report



# About the Graduate Fellows Program

Established in 1953, the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) is among the largest and most active chapters of the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA), serving over 2,000 members and beneficiaries. UNA-NCA's mission is to increase public understanding of the United Nations, encourage a robust U.S.-UN relationship, and help prepare the next generation of global citizens. In partnership with more than 60 organizations, UNA-NCA makes its voice heard through advocacy and public education throughout the Washington, DC area. Although it is a chapter of UNA-USA, UNA-NCA operates as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is solely responsible for securing funding to support its operations and programs.



Founded in 1991 by former Dean of the George Washington University (GWU) Elliott School, Maurice East, and UNA-NCA past-president and volunteer Ed Elmendorf, the Graduate Fellows Program brings together a group of competitively selected graduate students each spring semester to focus on the United Nations. Since its foundation, UNA-NCA leaders and staff have guided over 500 students from a dozen Washington, DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia (DMV) universities in an exploration of the United Nations.

Since 1991, the Program has changed considerably, adapting to our ever more interconnected and decentralized global community. What has remained constant, however, is the Program's intense engagement on current UN issues, support for Fellows in their exploration of multilateral organizations and career opportunities in the wide world of UN-related organizations, weekly exchanges between Fellows and officials from UN-related organizations, and leadership of the Program by UNA-NCA volunteers with deep UN knowledge and experience.



# Message From our Leadership



UNA-NCA is uniquely positioned in the Nation's Capital as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization open to all who care about our nation's role in the United Nations. Our membership includes professionals and leaders working to strengthen the multilateral system. We are proud to have an intergenerational membership and bring the best of our foreign affairs community to engage and mentor younger generations.

Through our programming, like the Graduate Fellows Program, we support students and early-career professionals with the tools to become engaged global citizens. The Graduate Fellow Program benefited from the increased engagement and support of its leadership and staff. The alumni network continued to grow offering a rich source of professional and personal friendships. Several former fellows continue their engagement in UNA-NCA programs and activities, including elected positions on UNA-NCA's Board of Directors. The uniqueness of the Graduate Fellows Program draws from the delivery of the sessions by experienced United Nations, World Bank and international development and diplomacy professionals coupled with the best in academic excellence in delivery. This rich experience placed in the Nation's Capital provides a great grounding in policy development, advocacy and technical insight into the complex issues that countries must deal with and where the UN plays a critical role.

This was enhanced by the discussions conducted by the students who came from many different countries and backgrounds. While many were attending local universities, this does not reflect the deep international and professional experience many of the students brought with them, nor the sharing of knowledge between them that was so valuable.

This trifecta – practitioners, academics, and engaged students – prepares Fellows to begin and strengthen international work. This preparation carried through to the mentoring and career session where the Fellows had access to additional professionals working in international development, diplomacy, global security, global health, food security and humanitarian aid, and the private sector – both domestically and internationally. The conversations and relationships developed from these opportunities will last a lifetime.

UNA-NCA was invited to join IREX's Impact Fellowships Network as a Co-Design Partner, an opportunity that will enable UNA-NCA to strengthen its program design, evaluation and alumni network.

Our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the program's success. We are committed to continue supporting the GFP program's growth and impact. The professionals it serves can help shape the future of the world.

**Anne Simmons-Benton**  
Board Chair

**Paula Boland**  
President

# Message from the GFP Leadership Team

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Rapid fire events shaping international affairs buffeted the 25 fellows who were part of the 2026 Graduate Fellows Program, alongside the program's leaders. From the vantage point of Washington DC, never have the challenges facing the United Nations loomed larger, of the demands for knowledge, skills, and leadership seemed more important. Thus the 2026 program unfolded with especially high expectations for the fellows as future leaders and high uncertainties as immediate paths ahead, for analysis and for careers.

The 2026 UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows cohort was marked by its diversity. The 25 individuals were selected from 87 applicants and drew students from 19 universities in the DC metropolitan area. The 2026 program focused on thirteen sessions, and included a United Nations visit for the Global Engagement Summit. The program launched in January and concluded with a final gathering in late April. The program included nine sessions focused on priority topics, two career sessions, and a final session where Fellows focused on the main insights they had gained about the United Nations during the course of the program. Sessions were held at UNA-NCA's office in Washington, DC.

With a myriad issues facing the United Nations system and global governance more broadly, selecting focus topic was especially difficult this year. Two central topics were continuing themes: the United Nations central mission to address conflict and the omnipresent contemporary discussions of technology and AI. Other areas of focus included global versus local dimensions of the UN's role, development and humanitarian operational work, evolving challenges for human rights, and tensions between global perspectives and the powerful continuing roles of member nation states. Each topic was facilitated by a co-director, with a guest who brought direct operational and, often, academic experience with United Nations agencies. The challenges of diversity, leadership, and approaches to protection of the environment had special poignancy in the light of the unfolding stance of the United States towards the topics, and specifically how they apply in a UN context. The fellows' varied personal knowledge and international experience ensured that each session involved lively and frank interchange.

The fellowship involves active and frank engagement centered on issues and challenges facing the UN, but networking and personal development have equal importance. Career sessions and mentor arrangements continued as integral program dimensions. Fellows are expected to come to the program with academic and operational experience, but also preparatory work focused on ensuring a grasp of the UN's Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. Co-director prepared background papers distilled information and issues that fellows are expected to engage, ensuring a practical, lived appreciation for how different parts of the UN system operate, constraints and aspirations included. Two case study exercises, putting fellows in the shoes of those who guide UN policy, were especially effective.

The GFP Program's career support was both important and demanding this year. Mentors (including prior year fellows) are matched with each fellow, the GFP team offered continuing support and counsel, and two robust career sessions led by panels of professionals working in the field pointed to opportunities and practical advice. The final session combined fellow and co-director presentations with the presentation of certificates. As the fellows and directors reflected on what they had gained through the fellowship, we witnessed the blend of deep concern and deeply ingrained optimism that characterize the United Nations as a leader in advancing universal human rights and working for the peace to which we all aspire.



**Andrew Hyde**  
Co-Director



**Katherine Marshall**  
Co-Director



**Tom Bradley**  
Co-Director

# GFP Leadership Team



## **Katherine Marshall**

Katherine is a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Professor of the Practice of Development, Religion, and Conflict in the School of Foreign Service, and Executive Director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD), following a long World Bank career, Katherine served as a co-director for GFP25.



## **Andrew Hyde**

Andrew is a member of UNA-NCA's Board of Directors. He is also a Director and Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center, a Washington, DC think tank, where he focuses on multilateral diplomacy. He left the State Department following a thirty-year career as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer with assignments in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, specializing in multilateral diplomacy and conflict management. Earlier in his career, he held several staff positions in the U.S. Senate. Andrew served as a co-director for GFP25.



## **Tom Bradley**

Tom has been assistant director of the UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program, from 2018 to present day and served as a co-director for GFP25. After a career in the US Air Force he has served on the UNA-NCA Board of Directors 2009-2017 and 2019-present.



## **Stephen F. Moseley**

Steve is our Past President and Board Chair of the UNA-NCA Board of Directors, elected for the first Term in 2017. Previously, he served as Chair of the UNA-NCA Advisory Council, and member of UNA-NCA's Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.



## **Keegan Mobley**

Keegan is the current Graduate Fellows Program Manager. Previously, he interned with UNA-NCA as GFP25's Program Assistant while earning his MA in Global Environmental Policy at American University.



## **A. Edward Elmendorf**

Ed has been actively involved in UN organizations for over 50 years, including the UN itself, the World Bank, UNA-USA and UNA-NCA. He served as President and CEO of UNA-USA prior to its alliance with the UN Foundation and our Past President and Board Chair of UNA-NCA. Ed served as a Senior Advisor of the UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program for 2026.

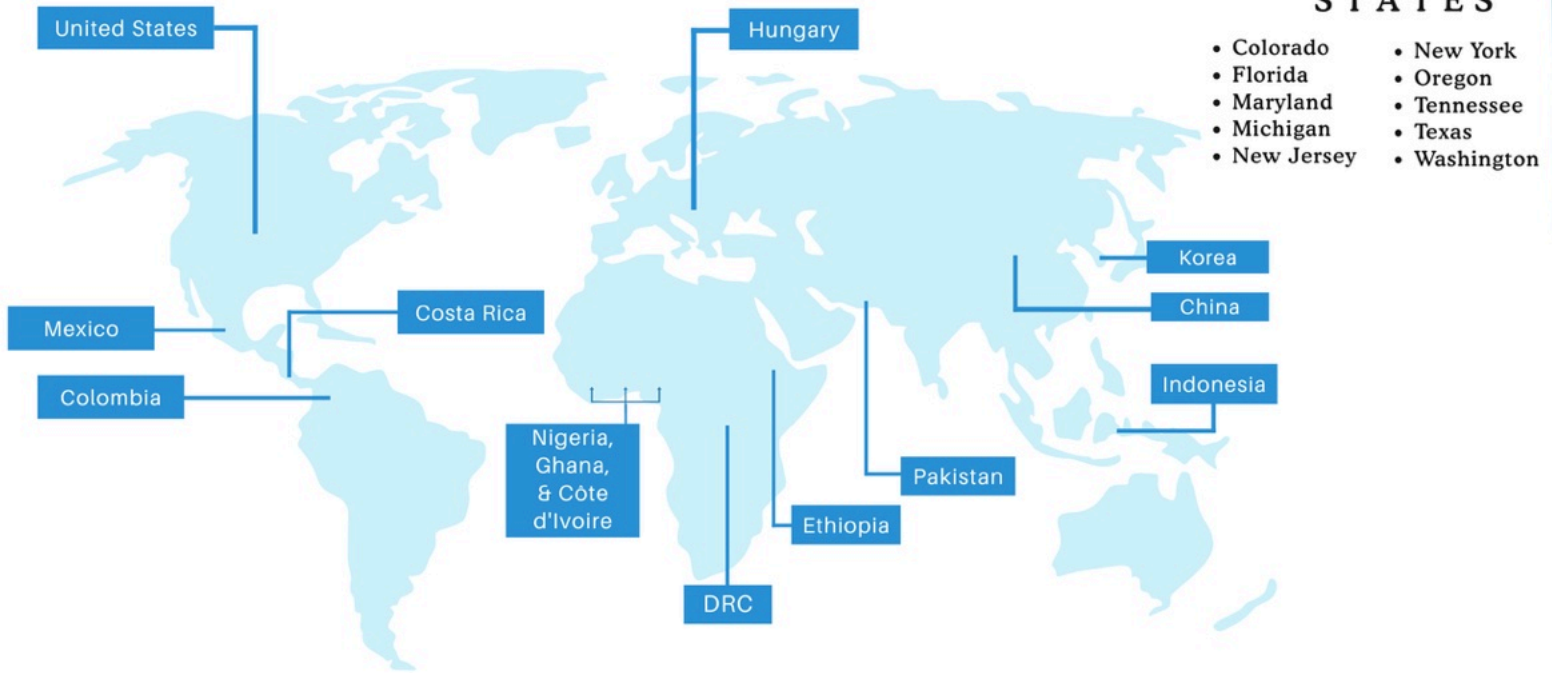


## **John (Cal) Calvin Williams**

Cal is a retired Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). During his IMF career he served as the IMF Resident Representative in Zaire (now the DRC) and in Mali. Prior to IMF, Cal was an international commercial lending officer with a major international bank. Cal served as a Senior Advisor of the UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program for 2026.

# The GFP 2026 Fellows

## Graduate Fellows' Origins



14 Countries, 10 States, & 9 Universities Represented



*GFP26 Fellows accepting their certificates of completion.*

## Participating Universities



# What is a UN Lens?

A UN Lens looks at topics, issues, and conflicts through what the UN is doing, has done, and should be doing. This requires our Fellows, and Program leadership alike, to dive into the week-to-week backgrounders, which are distributed each week with an appropriate topic review, to expand our knowledge, write proposals and become micro-experts on the matter. This also requires us to engage with professionals in these fields, whether they are currently in the UN system, retired from it, or interacted with the UN system throughout their career.



We accentuate our careers sessions by splitting them into two parts for the 2026 GFP cohort, **Careers in UN Organizations** and **Careers in the UN Network Organizations**. Allowing for a full look at jobs and opportunities, and how to interact with these fields at an entry level.



*Guest Speaker Ellen Goldstein speaking to our Fellows during a substantive session on development and the UN.*



*GFP Fellows and Staff with World Bank Host, Cara Santos Pianesi*

*A series of photographs of Fellows during a career session and sharing what they learned from the program.*

# GFP26 Topics & Partners

The Graduate Fellows Program covers many topics over the spring semester. We recognize that many of these topics below could have a whole semester class spent studying them. We focus on each topic for a week, providing an expansive background paper, written by seasoned professionals in our leadership, advisory council, and directors of the program.

## The UN System at a Crossroads: Structures, Issues, Debates

Session Leads: Andrew Hyde & Katherine Marshall, *Guest Speakers: Dr. Esther Brimmer, Dr. Heidi Hielbert-delacourt*

## United Nations Resident Coordinators: Translating Principles into Practice in Individual Member States

Session Lead: Judy Edstrom, *Guest Speaker: Rossana Dudziak, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Peru, Former UN Resident Coordinator for North Macedonia*

## Towards Peace and Security: The United Nations at Work

Session Lead: Andrew Hyde, *Guest Speaker: Chandrima Das, Nonresident Fellow in the Protection of Civilians and Human Security Program at the Stimson Center, former Director of Multilateral Affairs at the National Security Council, Former Senior Director of Peace and Security Policy at the Better World Campaign.*

## Future Organizational and Financial Challenges Facing the UN

Session Lead: Andrew Hyde, *Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Ponzio, Director of the Global Governance, Justice & Security Program and a Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center, UNA-NCA Advisory Council Member.*

## UN System Response to Humanitarian Crises

Session Lead: Katherine Marshall, *Guest Speaker: Sam Worthington, former CEO of Plan International USA and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Van Leer Foundations; Principal on the U.N. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC); executive board, Global Executive Leadership Initiative at the U.N.; Vice Chair of Forus; Advisory Board member at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies; Board secretary of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy; and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.*

## Human Rights: Principles and Practice at the Heart of The United Nations

Session Lead: Paula Boland, *Guest Speaker: Enrique Roig, Vice President for External Relations, Human Rights First, Former Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives at the Seattle International Foundation.*

## United Nations and Artificial Intelligence: Promoting Good Governance and Sustainable Development

Session Lead: Andrew Hyde, *Guest Speaker: Amanda C. Molina, DC-based attorney, General Counsel of AI and Cyber at Honeywell Aerospace, Captain for the Judge Advocate General in the United States Air Force Reserve Corps*

## The UN and Development Challenges: With and Beyond SDGs

Session Lead: Katherine Marshall, *Guest Speaker: Ellen Goldstein, Former World Bank Country Director Bangladesh and Myanmar; Published author of "Damned if you do: Foreign Aid and My Struggle to Do Right in Myanmar." Currently an international development consultant and leadership coach.*

## At the UN: Ideals and Practice for Diversity

Session Lead & Guest Speaker: Anne Simmons-Benton, *UNA-NCA's Board Chair, Principal at Deep Water Point and Associates, Chair, W20-US, Deputy Chair for the Society for International Development – US, Board Member for Mines Advisory Group – US.*

## Participating Organizations



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# Career Sessions

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To engage the Fellows about the UN, and help equip them with the means to make an impact upon the UN and the issues it addresses, the Graduate Fellows Program considers its Career Strategy sessions, which take place twice during the Fellowship, and semester-long mentorship program essential to its programming.

Career Strategy sessions invited Fellows to discuss the changing international careers landscape and the recruitment practices of international organizations with human resources professionals and hiring managers, while the Program's mentorship program offered Fellows an opportunity to develop a professional connection with mid-career and senior international affairs practitioners.

## 1st Career Session: Careers in the United Nations and the World Bank Group Institutions

### **Panelists:**

**Rachel Moynihan:** *Chief ad Interim, North American Representative, UNFPA*

**Jessie Ainslie:** *External Relations Associate, UNHCR Multi-Country Office*

**Paula Boland:** *President, UNA-NCA*

**William Davis:** *Director, UN Information Centre*

**Diana Seveney:** *Deputy Division Chief, Institute for Capacity Development Global Partnerships Division, International Monetary Fund (IMF)*

**Yumiko Kaizuka:** *Senior HR Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

**Kunal Khurana:** *Finance Officer, World Bank Group*

## 2nd Career Session: Navigating Global Careers, Building Skills, Networks, and Opportunities

### **Panelists:**

**Megan Corrado:** *Deputy Executive Director, The Alliance for Peacebuilding*

**Sam Worthington:** *Chair of UNA-NCA Advisory Council and Past President of InterAction*

**Dr. Richard Ponzio:** *Senior Fellow and Director, Global Governance, Justice & Security, The Stimson Center, UNA-NCA Advisory Council Member.*

**Rachel Locklear Hall:** *Senior Program Officer, The Gates Foundation*

**Hayley Pottle:** *GFP23 Alumni, Extended Term Consultant – Digital Development Effectiveness, The World Bank*

**Kendra Brown:** *Vice President of Community and Belonging, Mastercard*

## Sessions Oversight Coordinator:

**Stephen F. Moseley:** Steve directed the 2026 GFP Career Sessions.

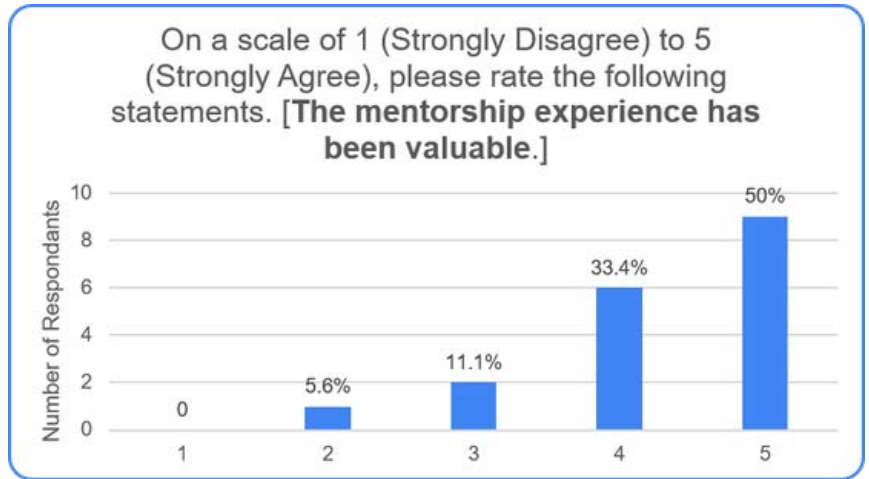
# Our Mentorship Program & Feedback by GFP26 Fellows

Near the end of each cohort, we administer a program evaluation survey to the Fellows. This evaluation allows us to identify design and implementation failures and successes so we may improve and iterate on them in subsequent programs. This section of the report includes respondents' reactions and feedback to various aspects of the program, beginning with our mentorship program.

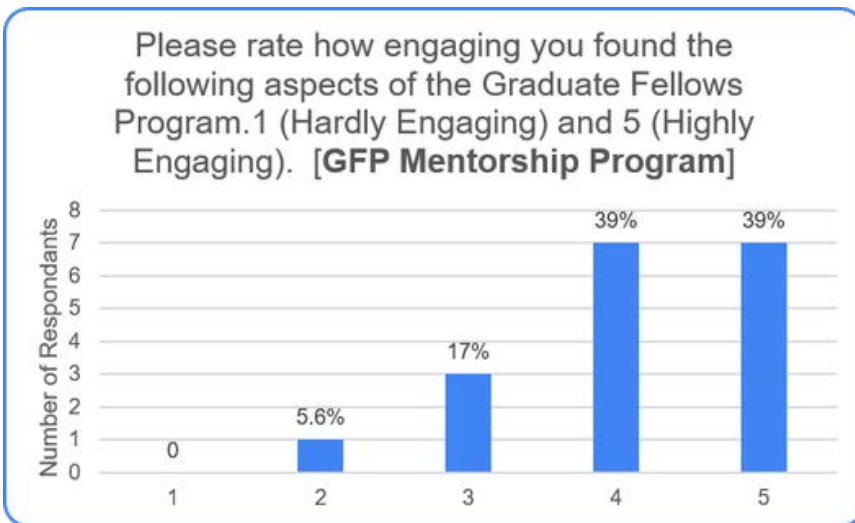
One key aspect of our Fellowship is connecting our Fellows with mentors who have a wide range of experiences, drawing from many fields of expertise. This aspect provides UNA-NCA members with a plethora of opportunities to engage with the program. This includes providing Fellows with career/professional advice and experiences outside the "GFP Classroom". While our formal programming is only a spring semester long, the mentoring relationships we facilitate often exceed the length of the program.

## Who are the people mentoring in our program? Where do they come from?

This year, we had **27** working and retired professionals willing to be paired with fellows for mentoring services. This group included UNA-NCA board members, advisors, volunteers, as well as professionals from universities, UN organs, and NGOs.



**83%** of Fellows surveyed said they agreed or strongly agreed that the mentorship experience has been valuable to them!



**When asked about their thoughts on the GFP Mentorship Experience during our evaluation survey one fellow had this to say:**

“My conversations with my mentor helped me refine my professional goals and better understand how my academic background, skills, and interests align with different pathways in global affairs.”

**78%** of Fellows surveyed said they found the mentorship program engaging or highly engaging!

# What did the Fellows have to say about their mentoring experience?



*The dedication to educating and guiding our future leaders is apparent in the glowing feedback our fellows provided when asked about their mentoring experience this year! Here's some of the things they had to say:*

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**GFP26 Fellow, Oluwatosin Pinmiloye after our substantive session on UN Development & the SDG's by guest speaker Ellen Goldstein**

“My mentor was very helpful and attentive and responsive. I learned more about the UNA overall.”



“I loved my mentor! We met biweekly and she was so cute and fun to talk to every so often.”



“It was helpful in helping me navigate how to effectively apply for jobs.”



“Very dynamic, very rich and well structured”



“I picked a wonderful mentor who has introduced me to many other helpful people.”



“It was a great experience, and my mentor was very attentive to my needs”

“Meeting with my mentor helped solidify the choice/crossroads I stand at and made clear for me that I have a decision to make, as well as opened up the possibility of working in development while working for corporate at the same time.”

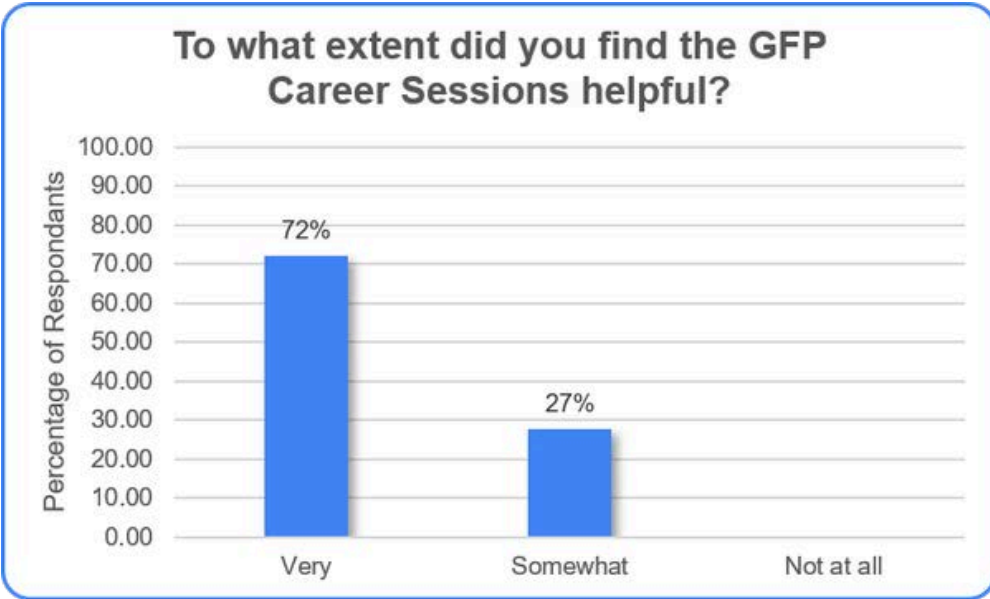


“The mentorship experience was the most valuable experience of this session for me. I think that having a connection to someone who knows the UN system very well and can instill me with lots of knowledge about spaces that I did not even know I could work in is an incredible experience. I hope to stay connected with my mentor beyond this program as they were not just a great mentor but a wonderful person as well. Thank you for the work that you have done on this experience.”

# Feedback from GFP26 Fellows

The core of our Fellowship program is founded on our Friday substantive sessions. Each class focused on leading substantive issues, with two sessions focused on possible career paths. Here is some feedback from the fellows on those sessions gained through our survey.

**When asked about their thoughts on the Career Sessions, some of our Fellows had this to say:**

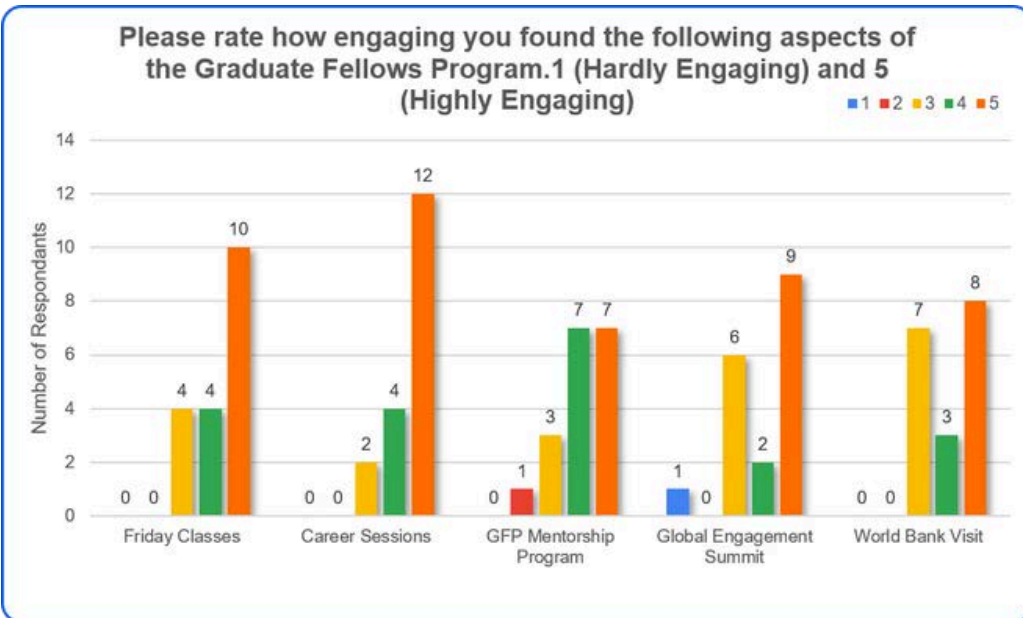


**72%** of Fellows surveyed found the Career sessions very helpful to their career journey.

“I liked the career sessions a lot and how they were structured with bringing experts and professionals from related fields which gave me a good understanding of appreciating my present position and remain hopeful with better strategy on how to grow.”

“Hearing from professionals working in the UN system, international, and development organizations helped me understand the different pathways into global careers. Their honesty about challenges, hiring processes, and skills needed made the sessions extremely relevant.”

“They made clear what the lifestyle of someone working in development, especially in today's world. But they did not make me lose hope at all rather solidified the idea that sometimes when the world is being rearranged or ripped apart to be more dramatic, in that rearrangement there is opportunity.”



**78%, 89%, 78%, 61%, & 61%** of Fellows surveyed rated these five aspects of the program as “engaging” or “highly engaging”.

**Here are some of the comments 2026 Fellows shared when asked about their thoughts on the Friday Classes during the evaluation survey:**

“Friday classes were especially valuable because they clarified the decision-making processes of the UN system. Also, it helped me connect my academic knowledge to the practical realities of how multilateral institutions operate.”

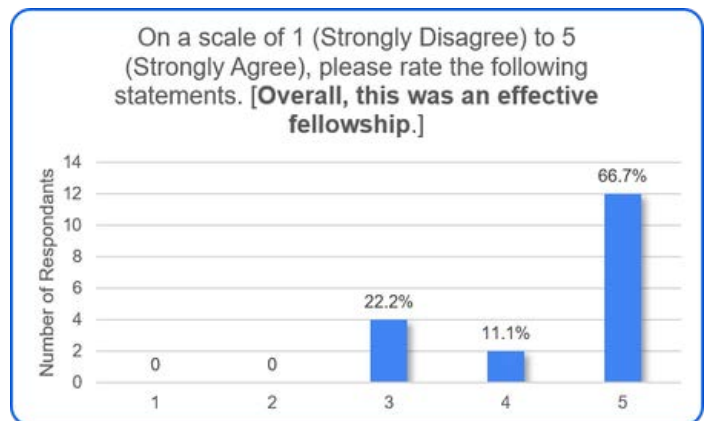
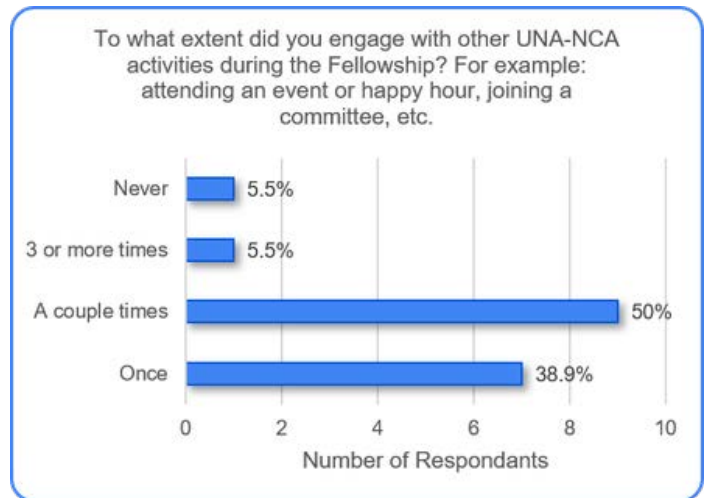
“Topics related to human rights, humanitarian action, and diversity and inclusion were some of my favorites to discuss. I'm not a finance person, which is why I rated those sessions a bit lower. As I mentioned earlier, I really loved the group session that Anne hosted. Hands-on learning is especially helpful for me. I was also blown away and deeply moved by the student presentations. It was powerful to see how much we could share about our experiences in just two minutes.”

## Feedback from GFP26 Fellows

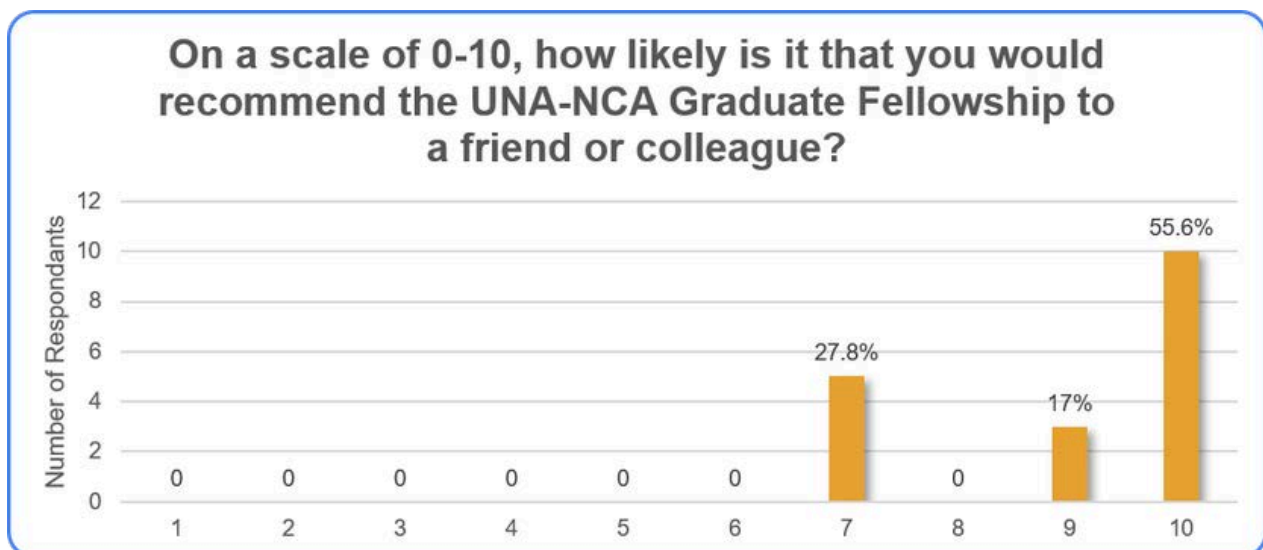
Our program is one of many that UNA-NCA offers to help encourage involvement in the organization from the brilliant minds that DC universities attract every year.

In fact, **94.4%** of Fellows surveyed said they engaged with other UNA-NCA activities. This shows that Graduate Fellows want to participate in the larger organization. This shows how the program acts as a pipeline for bringing in young and fresh talent into the organization.

About **78%** of Fellows surveyed either Agreed or Strongly Agreed with the statement: “Overall, this was an effective fellowship.” This shows GFP is meeting the needs of its stakeholders. We are providing an effective program for graduate students to learn about the UN and develop critical networking and leadership development skills.



**100%** of Fellows surveyed said they would recommend the program to a friend! With **72%** being “highly likely” to recommend it.



# GFP Alumni Activities

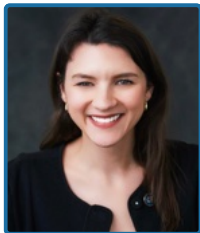
Keeping in close touch with the hundreds of former Fellows is not always easy, so we encourage them to reach out and update us about significant developments in their lives. Here are a few examples of what we have heard over the past few years:



**Hayley Pottle** is a 2023 UNA-NCA Graduate Fellow, a current UNA-NCA Young Professional Officer, on the slate for the UNA-NCA Board of Directors and an active Member of the UNA-NCA community. While a Graduate Fellow, she was a Graduate Pathways Intern with USAID's Digital Inclusion Team. Her Fellow experience helped propel her further in the field of international affairs and development. Following her graduation, Hayley served as an ICT Policy & Digital Inclusion Analyst at USAID's Office of Digital Technology supporting the Digital Inclusion and Connectivity Teams as a Contractor. As an Analyst, she supported the Gender Digital Divide portfolio and the Digital Cybersecurity and Connectivity Partnership. She served as the communications lead for large-scale global initiatives as well as relationship manager and programmatic POC to the United Nations International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Hayley went on to join the World Bank Group in May 2026. Hayley first served as a Short-Term Consultant in the Digital Access Department, where she has supported internal and external strategic communications and coordination across teams and stakeholders. Hayley played a key role in supporting 20+ Digital Access engagements across both internal and high-level external facing convenings such as UN General Assembly, WBG Annual Meetings, and the Africa Tech Festival. She recently joined the Digital Development Effectiveness Unit in the Digital & AI Vice Presidency as an Extended Term Consultant in January 2026. In her current role, Hayley supports the Digital & AI vertical to operationalize strategy and support strategic communication and partnerships.

She has worked across international organizations and programs in project management, communications, and digital inclusion at the Institute of International Education, TechGirls, a U.S. Department of State international exchange program and UNESCO. She obtained her Master of Arts in International Education specializing in Gender and Development at George Washington University in 2023 and her Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications and Business from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2017.



**Jacqui Hatch**, after completing the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) Graduate Fellows Program, she continued her work supporting U.S. Department of State grant implementation, contributing to international education and exchange initiatives that foster global engagement and cross-cultural understanding.

She later returned to higher education, joining her alma mater, George Washington University as Assistant Director of Operations. In this role, she supports initiatives focused on international student recruitment, retention, and engagement while helping cultivate new institutional partnerships that expand global opportunities for students and strengthen international collaboration. She also is a contributing member to the ethics committee for the new GW Press. She plans to pursue a Ph.D., with research interests centered on higher education access, civic learning, internationalization, and the experiences of refugee and displaced populations.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Jacqui remains actively engaged in community service and advocacy. She continues to support the mission of the UNA-NCA and contributes to fundraising and outreach efforts with the Washington English Center, a nonprofit organization serving adult English language learners across the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Through this work, she helps advance educational access and support for immigrant and refugee communities.



**Palmira Mangae**, a GFP '20 Fellow shares her career journey since graduating from the program. "Since the 2020 Cohort of the GFP, I went on to complete my graduate school program in December of 2021 at the University of Maryland, College Park and was selected as a finalist for the Presidential Management Fellowship program, Class of 2022. In January of 2022, I was promoted to a Senior Specialist, Global Health at the Association of Public Health Laboratories where I had worked for about 6 years at the time. I continued working at APHL until early February 2023.

In February of 2023, I accepted an appointment to the Health Resources and Services Administration as a Presidential Management Fellow and Public Health Analyst. Currently, I am on a 6-month rotation, as part of the fellowship, to the Centers for Disease Control."



**Emma DeCaro**, a GFP '22 Fellow, is a hearing-disabled student from Gallaudet University. She writes that her GFP mentor "was critical to opening up a network of people who could advise and encourage me as I go through the US State Department Foreign Service selection process." Emma's key lesson of her GFP experience is "Don't be afraid to invite yourself to the party." This, she writes, is the essence of networking. Show up for events, ask your parents or teachers for contacts in a company of interest to you. Reach out, she advises!

Emma has had multiple internships. She advocated for Deaf Kurdish human rights initiatives with the Kurdistan Regional Government Representation and worked with a remarkable non-profit called Martha EDU to increase the literacy of deaf children in Amman, Jordan.



**Tatjana Titareva**, PhD, a GFP '24 Fellow. Through her GFP experience, Tatjana gained an all-encompassing overview of how the UN operates. Through her participation, she gained valuable networking opportunities that paved the way for exciting careers in AI policy development.

"The UNA-NCA GFP Fellowship provided a comprehensive overview of the UN, its bodies, and associated organizations. It also allowed me to network with high-profile individuals and experts aligned with the SDGs. Through these connections, I discovered exciting career paths, including acceptance into the Center for AI and Digital Policy's (CAIDP) AI Policy Clinic, a highly competitive online program focusing on AI policy analysis, research, and evaluation, as well as landing a job as a Staff Scientist in AI Policy Lab at Umeå University in Sweden."

# Towards GFP27



*GFP26 Fellows and guest speakers during various program sessions and events.*

Planning for GFP27 is actively underway. The main elements of the Program will continue: examining key current global issues with a UN focus, careers in UN organizations and in the vast network of UN-related bodies, mentoring, with a visit to New York City for the UNA-USA Global Engagement Summit. We will continue to invite speakers with relevant current UN experience and to identify and match diverse mentors with experience relevant to the interests of individual Fellows. Furthermore, we will continue to incorporate site-visits to multilateral organizations like the World Bank. Additionally, we will further encourage Fellows to participate in other UNA-NCA events, activities, and committees. Participation in other UNA-NCA events, activities, and committees will also be encouraged. The program will be managed via Canvas's online class management website to further streamline program implementation. Finally, we will continue to enhance the GFP Alumni network, now with the aid and resources of the Impact Fellowships Network (IFN) Research Consortium. UNA-NCA is committed to and looking forward to announcing the startup of the GFP 2027 program soon and welcoming the continuing dialogue with past Fellows and our supporters.

UNA-NCA is deeply grateful to those current and future donors who are making it possible to support the GFP and to serve the students' needs, to understand and celebrate the role of the UN in sustaining its founding goals and mission for future international professional leaders. Please contact the UNA-NCA office at [unanca@unanca.org](mailto:unanca@unanca.org) or visit our donation page at <https://www.unanca.org/get-involved/give/donate> to explore how you, as a donor, can participate in and strengthen, through your tax-deductible donations, this highly successful international leadership development program for young professionals in the decade ahead.

Thank you for an outstanding year of engagement  
and learning about the United Nations!



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