

CAREER GUIDE

HUMANITARIAN AID, DEVELOPMENT, NON-PROFIT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS



Whether in the US or abroad, Global Studies students are committed to social and political causes, as well as sustainable economic development across the globe. The career path involving service is vast, but there are many ways in which you can best prepare yourself while at UNL.

YEARS 1 AND 2

- Join international student organizations and language conversation tables (available for most languages)
- Attend Global Café sessions and other campus events to discuss diplomacy, human rights, current issues, volunteer, internship, and career opportunities
- Connect with UNL Center of Civic Engagement, and consider the Certificate for Civic Engagement Program and service-learning courses and academically-based community service
- Explore UNL's Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs (minor available), and connect with faculty and join human rights-oriented clubs such as the Model UN and Amnesty International
- Consider a minor in Anthropology, Business, and/or Community and Regional Planning
- Discuss study abroad opportunities with your **advisor Olivia Miller**
- Discuss different nationally-competitive fellowship/scholarships opportunities with **Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić**. Work with **Dr. Laura Damuth**, Director, National and International Fellowships on selected fellowships/scholarships. Some include the Humanity in Action Fellowship, Boren Scholarship, Fulbright Scholarship, Critical Languages Scholarship, and the Rangel Program. There are many to apply for.

YEAR 3

- Participate in at least one semester abroad with explicitly service/development/humanitarianism angle/option in their program, and/or participate in faculty-led study abroad program; work on foreign language proficiency
- Stay involved with student organizations that focus on service and gaining nonprofit experience
- Stay connected with faculty and ask to join a research project or develop your own research project to complete a thesis and graduate with distinction
- Continue looking for professional development opportunities (internships, volunteering, etc.)
- Consider an internship with various development and humanitarian organization in DC and participate in Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy.

YEAR 4

- Consider completing an internship at a local non-profit organization (i.e. Nebraska Appleseed, Lincoln Literacy, etc.)
- Look for job opportunities through International Development Jobs and Consulting Opportunities or United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Apply for Payne International Development Fellowship, American Indian Foundation Clinton Fellowship for Service in India, and/or visit **Idealist.org** for various opportunities to work in nonprofit and humanitarian field.
- Visit Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić, Dr. Laura Damuth, and career coaches to discuss and refine your goals, your academic portfolio, and post-graduation opportunities

RECOMMENDED READINGS

- *Chasing Chaos: My Decade In and Out of Humanitarian Aid* (Jessica Alexander)
- *Dead Aid: Why Aid Is Not Working and How There Is a Better Way for Africa* (Dambisa Moyo)
- *Global Governance and the New Wars: The Merging of Development and Security*, 2001 (Mark Duffield)
- *Humanitarian Intervention: Confronting the Contradictions*, 2009 (Michael Newman)
- *Real Impact: The New Economics of Social Change* (Morgan Simon)
- *Shake Hands with the Devil*, 2003 (Lt. Gen Romeo Dallaire)
- *The Bright Continent: Breaking Rules and Making Change in Modern Africa* (Dayo Olopade)
- *War Games: The Story of Aid and War in Modern Times*, 2009 (Linda Polman)



GLOBAL STUDIES

EXPERIENCE TIMELINE

FRESHMAN

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- Explore following opportunities:
 - Cargill Global Scholars Program and Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - Critical Language Scholarship (*can do for multiple years*)
 - UNL Education Abroad Early Abroad Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute (*freshmen and sophomores only*)

OCTOBER

- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

JANUARY

- Identify summer opportunities, either Education Abroad or an Internship
- Submit applications for following opportunities:
 - UNL Education Abroad Early Abroad Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute (*freshmen and sophomores only*)

FEBRUARY / MARCH

- If studying abroad the following Fall apply for:
 - Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship (*only for Pell Grant recipients*)
 - UNL Education Abroad Scholarships

SOPHOMORE

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- Explore following scholarships for study abroad and apply by appropriate deadline:
 - Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship (*only for Pell Grant recipients*)
 - Cargill Global Scholars Program and Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Experiential Scholarship and Global Engagement Fund
 - Freeman-Asia Scholarship (*only if you're studying in East or Southeast Asia*)
 - Boren Fellowship (*for critical language study*)
 - Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship
 - Generation Study Abroad
 - UNL Education Abroad Scholarships

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

- Submit applications:
 - Critical Language Scholarship and Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

JANUARY

- Submit applications for Boren Scholarship, Summer UNL Education Abroad Scholarships, and US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute

DECEMBER / JANUARY

- Apply for UCARE and/or SROP for summer research funding

SOPHOMORE (CNTD.)

MARCH / APRIL

- Apply for UCARE and McNair research funding

SUMMER

- Study abroad or complete domestic internship (*consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy*)

JUNIOR

SEPTEMBER

- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

OCTOBER

- If studying abroad in spring make sure to apply for scholarship by appropriate deadline.

NOVEMBER

- Talk to professors about crafting a research question for your thesis
- Submit Application for Boren Fellowship

MARCH

- Submit paperwork for thesis to College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office

APRIL

- Meet with Dr. Laura Damuth to begin application process for:
 - Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (*see full list at Fellowship Office*)

SUMMER

- Study and take exams for graduate or professional school
- Complete domestic internship (*consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy*)

SENIOR

SEPTEMBER

- Submit applications for Critical Language Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (*see full list at Fellowship Office*)

DECEMBER

- Apply for graduate and professional schools or jobs

JANUARY

- Apply for Graduation

MARCH

- Defend thesis with committee, submit final draft of thesis

MAY

- Graduate with Distinction

