

**Shinnyo Fellowship Application  
Shinnyo Fellows Program & S-CAR Undergraduate Program  
Academic Year 2017-2018**

**Fellowship Description**

The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution Undergraduate Program has partnered with the [Shinnyo-en Foundation](#) to offer recently graduated S-CAR undergraduate students the opportunity to serve with a conflict related or peacebuilding organization for a 10-month entry level paid fellowship beginning in August 2017.

The Shinnyo-en Foundation was established in 1994 by Shinnyo-en, a lay Buddhist order, as a secular, philanthropic arm of Shinnyo-en USA. The mission of the Foundation is to promote global peace through service by nurturing future generations through supporting community based organizations and educational institutions that promote and engage youth in meaningful acts of service.

The fellowship will provide the opportunity for students to gain skills in project management, networking, community building and ethical practice that can pave the way for midlevel entry into an organization or strengthen an application to a graduate school. The fellow will have space to explore the deeper meanings of service while remaining connected to the S-CAR undergraduate community by acting as a bridge between the community and the academy. The fellow will also work with an S-CAR mentor who will support growth, consultation and reflection during the period of the fellowship.

**Shinnyo Fellowship Application Process**  
**Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

Students who graduated from the S-CAR Undergraduate Program in Spring and Summer 2017 are eligible to apply for the Shinnyo Fellowship.

**Interested applicants should submit the following to Lisa Shaw ([lshaw2@gmu.edu](mailto:lshaw2@gmu.edu)) by midnight Wednesday, May 3, 2017:**

- Cover letter describing how the Shinnyo Fellowship will deepen your commitment to service and contribute to your post-undergraduate goals
- Current resume with relevant contact information
- Thoughtful and complete responses to the questions found below. Please review and consider the [Shinnyo-en Foundation's Peace Initiative and Paradigm of Service](#) in your responses. (You may also use the article entitled *Six Billion Paths to Peace: Reflecting on the Power of Service and Leadership to Create Global Harmony* by Harumitsu Inouye, Liane Louie-Badua and Maura Wolf)

1) Describe a project you would like to do as part of this fellowship.

- What community would you like to work with, and what is your vision of service within this community?

2) What partnership organization or NGO would you like to work and serve with as part of your fellowship and service with the community?

- How does the work and mission of this organization align with your interest and core values?
- Do you have a previous connection or relationship with this organization (it is okay if this would be your first contact with the organization)?

3) What motivates or inspires you to serve? What attitudes, beliefs or values support and sustain you in serving others?

4) How would working and serving with your proposed partner organization or NGO help you live out your core values of service?

5) What connections do you anticipate making between your work and service with your proposed partnership organization and your degree in conflict analysis and resolution?

6) How will this fellowship contribute to your future career and/or educational goals?

**In-person and Skype interviews will be held for the top three qualified candidates on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9.**

## Shinnyo Fellowship Requirements

The selected fellow will engage in the following over the ten-month fellowship period:

- Identify a community-based partner organization or NGO that compliments the interests and goals of the fellow and aligns with the Shinnyo-en Foundation [Infinite Paths to Peace and Paradigm of Service](#).
- Work with the S-CAR mentor to develop, complete and submit the Shinnyo Fellowship Prospectus.
- Attend and participate in the Shinnyo Fellows Summer Orientation on August 11 and the [Shinnyo Annual Retreat](#) August 10 thru 13, 2017 at the Marconi Conference Center in Marshall, California (costs for this trip will be covered as part of the fellowship).
- Spend four days working with partner organization and one day with S-CAR campus activities including recruiting future fellows, organizing service events, and assisting with the Shinnyo-en / Mason events.
- Write two prospectuses (at the beginning and end of the Fellowship to describe the scope and extend of the Fellowship, including the Fellows own path to peace that will be shared with the Foundation.
- Maintain a journal that documents the ten-month service experience beginning with the Summer Orientation and Annual Retreat.
- Meet weekly with the S-CAR mentor to reflect and discuss progress in service and leadership experiences.
- Participate in various professional development activities including lectures, seminars and workshops in the Northern Virginia and D.C. Metro area.
- Compile and submit a final report and present electronic portfolio as the final synthesis of service integrating experiences as a fellow and recommendations for engaging a broader community in services and its impact.