



## **Call for Applications: Young Initiative on the Global Political Economy Fellowship**

The Young Initiative Fellowship is a one-year, competitive fellowship awarded to a PhD student (from any university) in the field of Political Science, with a focus on Global Political Economy (GPE). The Young Initiative's mission is to aid in envisioning alternatives to the status quo in the discipline. To that end, we have a vision of GPE as an interdisciplinary academic enterprise that takes as its focus both structures of exclusion and possibilities of political-economic transformation that are often overlooked in traditional academic approaches.

The aim of the Young Initiative Fellowship is to promote scholarly research focusing on areas that are often overlooked in GPE, and/or by scholars who are from backgrounds that are under-represented in the academy.

The Young Fellow will receive a \$10,000 fellowship to support dissertation research at their home university, which can include fieldwork, travel, interviews, presentation at a conference, and other expenses.

Total award of up to \$12,500 includes:

- Fellowship of \$10,000
- Travel and lodging to attend 1 week of events at Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA in the Spring 2026 semester (up to \$2,500 in value)
- Mentorship opportunities with Young Initiative-affiliated faculty

In addition to conducting their own qualifying research at their home university, the Fellow will:

- Lead one week of in-person classes (2 classes) in a course on GPE during the Spring 2026 semester at Occidental College. Lecture topics can be related to the Fellow's research.
- Give one public talk about their research on campus.
- Work with Young Initiative faculty and students on elements of Young Initiative programming, for example Young Initiative podcast episodes.
- Hold one in-person group meeting with students about conducting research, graduate school, etc.
- Submit a short summary of their qualifying research project for the Young Initiative newsletter.

## Qualifications

- Enrolled in a PhD program in Political Science and advanced to candidacy
- Conducting research toward a dissertation or publication
- Research is in the field of GPE
- The Young Initiative particularly encourages applications from those whose research contributes to the expansion of the field to include alternatives to the status quo in GPE, and those from backgrounds and experiences that are under-represented in the academy. (Examples of expanding the field of GPE include research related to migration, environmental issues, human-rights-based approaches to development, etc.)

## Application - due April 25, 2025

1. 2-3 page statement explaining:
  - Graduate student career to date
  - Research interests and current projects
  - How this fellowship would help you advance your research
  - How your background, experiences, and/or research contributes to alternatives to the status quo in GPE
2. Current CV
3. [Short form questionnaire](#)
4. 1 letter of support from dissertation chair or another close faculty mentor (sent directly to [younginitiative@oxy.edu](mailto:younginitiative@oxy.edu))
5. Proof of advancement to candidacy
6. Proposed Budget\*

\*Budget expenses can include research-related expenses such as field work travel, transcription, software, living expenses, and other costs associated with conducting research toward a dissertation or publication.

Please send application materials by April 25, 2025 to: [younginitiative@oxy.edu](mailto:younginitiative@oxy.edu)

*This award is intended to cover a portion of the personal expenses related to your work on this project: it is not a job or a scholarship. Please note that generally, the amount awarded for this research is taxable and reported on a 1099-MISC form. Since individual tax liability depends on each individual's circumstances, you should contact your personal tax advisor with any questions or concerns. These instructions are based on the assumption that the addressee is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America. Non-resident alien tax compliance provisions may differ.*