THE JUDD: 15 Years of Impact

WALTER H. JUDD FELLOWSHIPS

University of Minnesota
By the Numbers 2002–2017

Judd Fellows 278

Judd Alumni Fellows* 3

Awarded $610,047

Fellows by College

- Biological Sciences
- Design
- Education & Human Development
- Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources
- Liberal Arts
- Science & Engineering
- Management
- Public Affairs
- Law School
- Medical School
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Public Health
- Veterinary Medicine

Destinations by Region

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- Americas
- Middle East
- Oceania

*Additional fellowships funded through the financial generosity of Judd Fellow alumni
Dear Friends,

It’s hard to believe we’re celebrating 15 years of the Judd Fellowships. It seems like just yesterday we welcomed back our first cohort of Fellows!

Over these 15 years, we’ve awarded more than $610,000 to 281 Judd Fellows. These numbers alone are impressive, but the impact goes far beyond, as you’ll see throughout this report.

Judd Fellows have made a difference during their time abroad, from promoting girl’s education in Ghana to improving the care of elephants in Thailand. And they’ve gained valuable experience that has prepared them for careers in top organizations, from the State Department to the Gates Foundation. Others have gone on to Ph.D. programs and are now entering academia, while some Judd Fellows have even teamed up to start their own business!

And, finally, the Judd Fellows have had an impact on our local community. They’ve partnered with organizations that are working globally and sought ways to connect their experiences abroad with opportunities at home. They’ve shared their stories with friends and donors like you at the annual Judd Fellows Expo. And they’ve given back through their own gifts to make a Judd Alumni Fellowship possible.

There’s no doubt that our shared investment in the Judd Fellowships has paid dividends, not just for the Fellows, but for the University, their employers, and the local community.

Thank you for your support over the past 15 years. I look forward to seeing the impact from these outstanding global-ready graduates over the next 15.

Meredith M. McQuaid
Associate Vice President and Dean
for International Programs
Africa

Alex Marston ’09, Senegal
During his Judd Fellowship Alex conducted HIV research at Fann Hospital. After he earned his Doctor of Medicine he completed a residency in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery at the Mayo Clinic. He also participated in a week-long cleft lip and palate surgical outreach trip in Guatemala.

“I am forever thankful to the Judd Fellowship for inspiring me to pursue a career in global surgery and medicine.”

Erin Collinson ’12, Senegal
As a Judd Fellow, Erin worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development on local capacity-building issues. She is now assistant director of the Center for Global Development’s U.S. Development Policy Initiative and a senior policy associate.

“Much of my fellowship was spent traversing Dakar to interview representatives of local NGOs and then writing up our findings for USAID. It was an amazing opportunity to learn about Senegal’s robust civil society. But one of my favorite memories was when my classmates and I were invited to attend a celebration of hip hop. Somehow we ended up backstage (and even briefly onstage). ...Hip hop features prominently in Senegal’s social and political activism, so it was quite an experience to hang out with some of the country’s most well-known artists.”
Fellows: 85  
Countries: 17  
Top areas of focus:  
• Public policy, gender issues  
• HIV/AIDS  
• Economic empowerment

Meghan Mason ’09, Kenya  
As a Judd Fellow, Meghan promoted HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. She is now a faculty member in Public Health at St. Catherine University.  

“The Judd Fellowship was a defining part of my master’s of public health education and of my overall professional and personal development. It provided me with the necessary resources to go beyond my internship and take the time to build relationships and explore what being a public health professional meant in a global context.”

Prosperity Eneh ’16, Tanzania  
As a recipient of the Judd Alumni Fellowship, Doctor of Pharmacy candidate Prosperity Eneh spent five weeks on clinical rotation, participating in hands-on learning, which included visiting patients, working with local pharmacists, and even observing the delivery of a baby in a labor ward. Prosperity earned her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2017. Now a University of Minnesota staff member, she is piloting a Global Pharmacy Engagement, Education, and Research Fellowship in the College of Pharmacy. In this role she will work to strengthen and evolve current global engagement initiatives for pharmacy students and staff.
Americanas

**Andrea Trabelsi ’09, Peru**
As a Judd Fellow, Andrea coordinated a micro-enterprise project around the production of eco-friendly dyes to support the local community.

“*My Judd Fellowship experience helped me build language and listening skills, the ability to connect with people of all backgrounds, and creativity and critical thinking in different environments and contexts—skills that have been invaluable and have set me apart as a city planner here in the U.S.*”

**Clint Pecenka ’04, Bolivia**
During his Judd Fellowship Clint researched cultural and historical tourism in Bolivia. He says that conducting research on the ground in Bolivia gave him a better country perspective and a view to how idealized plans may not be feasible in different settings. Clint is now the director of health economics and outcomes research at PATH, a global health non-profit.
Fellows: 84
Countries: 14
Top areas of focus:
• Medical/clinical rotations
• Epidemiology, nutrition, and health
• Public policy, economic empowerment

Nicole Kast ’13, Bolivia
As a Judd Fellow, Nicole completed a field experience with an organization focused on preventing child sexual abuse.

“My time abroad was instrumental in helping me get my first job with Catholic Relief.”

Why We Give
“It is an honor to be able to invest in future global leaders who will make the world a better place to live.”
— Diane and Bill Toscano

Jennie Meinz, Ecuador, ’12
Jonathan Melquist, Peru, ’05
Nicole Mesch, Ecuador, ’07
Daniel Miller, Costa Rica, ’04
Marissa Milstein, Guyana, ’16

Jamie Nichols, Ecuador, ’17
Teresa Obero, Chile, ’08
Lily Osborne, Guatemala, ’16
Clint Pecenka, Bolivia, ’04
Katie Pratt, Chile, ’03
Monica Rani, Ecuador, ’04
Luis Razuri Gonzales, Ecuador, ’15
Desiree Robertson, Bolivia, ’03
Rolando Rosas, Guyana, ’05
Victoria Scher, Mexico, ’13
JB Jonathan Scherpelz, Jamaica, ’12
Leslie Schroeder, Antigua, ’16
Jonathan Silva, Ecuador and Peru, ’10
Alicen Spaulding, Argentina, ’08
Laura Speltz, Ecuador, ’06

Allison Spicher, Mexico, ’15
Rebecca Stepan, Costa Rica, ’03
Meredith Stocking, Colombia, ’10
Anna Terry, Honduras, ’12
Quy That Ton, Peru, ’04
Sara Thompson, Haiti, ’05
Megan Tomarnichel, Chile, ’17
Andrea Trabelsi, Peru, ’09
Matthew Valarius, Guatemala, ’11
Elizabeth Valitchka, Cuba, ’02
Emily Wang, Guatemala, ’14
Colin Wendt, Haiti, ’15
Angela Wipf, Panama, ’15
Ted Wissink, Guatemala, ’02
Sara Zanussi, Colombia, ’17
Asia

Aimee Thostenson ’02, China
As a Judd Fellow, Aimee conducted research and participated in a Global Volunteers program to build a school. She is now director of international recruitment at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

“...The Judd Fellowship allowed me to gain experience in participant observation field study methods, complete my master’s degree, and develop my cross-cultural communication skills. These experiences combined to help me continue my work in international education and led to my joining the University of Minnesota International Student & Scholar Services staff in 2016.”

Elizabeth Braun ’05, India
As a Judd Fellow, Elizabeth worked at the South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre. She is now a supervisory refugee officer with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security.

“My Judd Fellowship further prepared me for a career lived mostly overseas.”

Fellows: 58
Countries: 9

Top areas of focus:
• Medical/clinical rotations
• Arts archival research
• Sustainable farming

Meagan Abraham, Thailand ’16
Valerie Arendt, India ’06
Christine Ashley, Vietnam ’03
Heather Baird, Nepal ’12
Luke Bergmann, China ’04
Kaylea Brase, India ’16
Elizabeth Braun, India ’05
Ada Breitenbucher, India ’17
Terra Carey, India’ 07
River Charles, Japan ’16
Jennifer Connelly, Japan ’03
Julia Corwin, India ’12
Eliza Michelle Cowan, India ’14
Carly Dahl, India ’15
Emily Strasser, Japan ’15
Travis Fried, Nepal ’17
Isaac Giron, Nepal ’17
Zi Gong, India ’13
Nadine Habeel, Nepal ’12
Matthew Hauck, India ’11
Qi-liang He, China ’03
Christine Hoang, Vietnam ’06
Anne Jensen, China ’16
Eric Johnson, Kazakhstan ’02
Paul Kapher, Thailand ’06
Faris Kasim, Thailand ’15
Eddie Kasner, China ’09
Anastasia Kolasa Lenarz, India ’12
Georgia LaVoie, Cambodia ’06
Anna Martin, India ’07
Betsy Kurian Mathews, India ’08
Johanna Maynard, India ’07
Jessica McClurg, Japan ’09
Leigh McIlvaine, India ’07
Daniel Miller, India and Nepal ’04
Laura Miller, India ’06
Amanda Murray, India ’06
Heather Oleson, India ’08
Cuong Pham, Vietnam ’05
Matthew Pike, China & South Korea ’06
Emily Rohrbaugh, Japan ’11
Alex Roland, Thailand ’13
Shruti Saxena, Vietnam ’14
Nia Sopiwik, Cambodia ’06
Anna Martin ’07, India, and Sarah Thompson ’05, Haiti

Anna and Sara both received Judd Fellowships; however, their paths didn’t cross until after graduation. They then partnered to create the company Picture Impact, a social design studio with a human-centered approach to improving lives. A main focus is on using picture-based diaries to share curriculum without the need for translation or literacy training.

Today they are working with University of Minnesota students enrolled in the Master of Development Practice, who are completing a design challenge as part of their capstone workshop.
Europe

Deborah Pestka ’10, Spain
As a Judd Fellow, Deborah researched the medication experience of patients taking anticoagulants in a Spanish community.

“The Judd Fellowship gave me valuable research experience that has been beneficial during my Ph.D. studies.”

Fellows: 70
Countries: 25
Top areas of focus:
• Arts archival research
• Instrumental and vocal performance
• Public policy

Noah Barka, Russia, ’02
Brian Beaubien, France, ’04
Erica Berry, United Kingdom, ’17
Ann Beuch, Switzerland, ’08
Jasna Burza, Switzerland, ’05
Niki Carlson; Czech Republic, Poland, and Germany; ’04
Sinem Casale, Italy, ’05
Elyse Chadwick, Croatia, ’02
Pratibha Chauhan, Finland, ’17
Sarah Christianson, Norway, ’08
Genya Dana, Switzerland, ’05
Tara DaPra, Ireland, ’07
Heather Dean, United Kingdom, ’07
Lisa Dryer, Lithuania, ’02
Brian Duffy, Germany and Belgium, ’04
Kara Durski, Switzerland, ’10
Matilda Essandoh-Bondzie, Switzerland, ’08
Amanda Evans, Italy, ’16
Atreyee Gupta, United Kingdom, ’04
Heather Hampton, Switzerland, ’07
Paul Hartzheim, Albania, ’05
Richard Hermes, Ireland, ’02
Anna Hersey, Italy, ’07
Moria Hill, Germany, ’06
Kathryn Huether, Germany, ’17
Matthew Jergenson, Finland, ’17
Brendan Jordan, Hungary, ’03
Melanie Kleiss, Netherlands, ’02
Amy LaFrance, United Kingdom, ’05
Jannette Lager, United Kingdom, ’02
Brianna Lauer, Italy, ’17
Genya Dana ’05, Switzerland
During her Judd Fellowship, Genya participated in an internship with the Institute of Agriculture and Trade Policy’s (IATP) Geneva office. She is now the director of precision medicine at the World Economic Forum.

“The Judd Fellowship provided my first entry point into international policy community, which turned into a career in science policy at the international level. The Fellowship launched an unconventional and somewhat astonishing career path for me. Just last week as I was attending a team retreat in Geneva for my new position at the World Economic Forum, I had to stop and reflect that this journey began with the Judd Fellowship that got me to Geneva in 2005 in the first place!”

Anna Hersey ’07, Italy
During her Judd Fellowship, Anna researched the music of the Palio, a horse race run in honor of the Virgin Mary. Anna is now an assistant professor of music at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

“Receiving a Judd Fellowship helped me build a record of funding that set me on a trajectory to win national and international fellowships in my doctoral work and my early career. I know this made me more competitive in the current academic job market.”

Shirley Leiphon ’02, Italy
During her Judd Fellowship—her first time abroad—Shirley participated in a program of intensive language study and practical musical training. She is currently the relationship director for the Fargo-Moorhead Opera.

“My experiences abroad broadened my horizons a great deal. I made multiple connections in the opera world, sang in amazing historic venues across Italy, and came back polished and in a place that opened new doors to me as a performer. I could not have made those strides without my time in Italy and would never have been able to afford the experience without the financial support from the Judd Fellowship program!”

DeAnn Thyse, Norway, ’03
Casey Trittipo, France, ’11
Peter Truax, Belgium, ’15
David Uejio, Switzerland, ’05
Jeff Vockrodt, Switzerland, ’04
Sterling Paul Wilson, Finland, ’02
Sarah Wolbert; Denmark, Germany, and Poland; ’08

Sara Lederman, Switzerland; ’17
Shirley Leiphon, Italy, ’02
Eireann Lorsung, Italy, ’05
Gunda Luss, Iceland & Germany, ’06
Laurie McGinley, Turkey, ’10
Melissa Melco, United Kingdom, ’04
Kristen Murray, England & Germany, ’11
Sara Nelson, Bulgaria, ’10
Michelle Ney, Turkey, ’07
Anna O’Connor, United Kingdom, ’07
Love Odetola, Switzerland, ’15
Rose Olson, Switzerland, ’15
Deborah Pestka, Spain, ’10
Areca Roe, Hungary, ’10
Noah Rogoff, Austria, ’04
Rio Roland, Poland, ’02
Brent Ryan, Ireland, ’04
Andrew Schroeder, Macedonia and Bulgaria, ’06
Greg Setliff, United Kingdom and Germany, ’04
Sarah Sik, United Kingdom, ’05
Edward Stash; Netherlands, Belgium, and France; ’07
Robert Strand, France, ’04
Sonia Sudheimer, Azerbaijan, ’06
Hannah Taylor, Italy, ’17
Elizabeth Tesdell ’08, Palestinian Authority
As a Judd Fellow, Elizabeth assessed breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices in rural communities. She interned at Caritas Baby Hospital, worked at a refugee camp of Jerusalem, and shadowed a nurse to study maternal and infant health.

“From my Judd Fellowship, I learned a great deal about the state of maternal and infant health in the region. From working with health professionals, meeting with mothers, and simply living in the region, I gained a broader understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of nutrition resources offered to the general public, and specifically women and children.”

Fellows: 2
Countries: 2
Top areas of focus:
• Public policy
• Art history

Why We Give

“We support the Judd Fellowship because it renews our hope for the future when we learn about the impressive projects that our Judd Fellows pursue with such passion, integrity, and with a sincere desire to help make the world a better place.”

— Scott Appelwick and Ed Sootsman
Oceania

Lindsay Johansen ’08, Northern Mariana Islands
As a Judd Fellow, Lindsay interned with the Maternal and Child Health Department focusing on pregnancy risk and monitoring.

“ I had an amazing summer field experience. I learned so much about public health, especially unique public health challenges in rural areas, and about the unique cultures of the Northern Mariana Islands. I also learned about the in’s and out’s of doing a public health study, and lastly, about myself and the health-related work that I want to continue to assist with abroad, especially once I begin my career as a medical doctor. I cannot give enough thanks to the Judd Fellowship for providing me with funding toward my summer experience. Without that funding, this experience never would have been possible. ”

Fellows: 7
Countries: 5
Top areas of focus:
• Physical therapy
• Environmental conservation

Katie Bartelt, Australia, ’03
Prentice Beadell, New Zealand, ’07
Sara Bertelsen, Australia, ’03
Jennifer Connelly, Palau, ’03
Lindsay Johansen, Northern Mariana Islands, ’08
Nels Johnson, American Samoa, ’07
Timothy Patronsik, Australia, ’04

Why We Give

“The Judd Fellowship provides students with opportunities to work in partnership with leaders in different countries and cultures to pursue innovative strategies that benefit the wellbeing of individuals and families in global communities.”

— Carol and Lynn Truesdell
Looking to the future!

Empower students for global success

Invest in the future of our best and brightest students. Your gift will help to increase the size and number of fellowships to ensure students—now and in the future—will have access to the same opportunities for life-changing experiences abroad.

Now in its second decade, the Judd Fellowship’s impact has moved beyond graduation. Judd alumni have been found at prestigious institutions like the Gates Foundation and the World Bank, world-class universities, NGOs, government offices, and hospitals to name only a few. A philanthropic investment in the Judd Fellowship is an investment in the future.

This impact begins when a selection committee reviews 50+ proposals annually, able to select only 15 for funding. Sadly, excellent and competitive proposals go unfunded.

Over the next decade, the GPS Alliance seeks to:

• Sustain the core funding for the original 15 Judd Fellowships
• Grow the number of fellowships from 15 to 30
• Increase the size of fellowships from $2,500 to $3,500

Global-ready graduates are equipped to work with diverse individuals, organizations, markets, and governments. This global skill-set is no longer a nice extra for a resumé; it is a necessity for success. Preparing the next generation of graduates for the global challenges that lie ahead requires innovation and investment.

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The University of Minnesota Campaign

The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance is proud to be a part of Driven: The University of Minnesota Campaign, the University’s first comprehensive campaign in more than a decade. The campaign goal of $4 billion is the largest in the University’s history.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPACT

**Endow a named fellowship** ($50,000 minimum)
Grow the number of fellows through your named endowed fellowship.

**Donate to the Walter H. Judd Fellowship Fund**
Outright gifts and bequests of any size can increase the size and number of fellowships.

**Sponsor a segment of the Judd Fellowship program**
- The Judd Fellows Expo reception, held annually in October, is attended by Judd Fellows and their families, Judd alumni, U of M faculty and staff, friends and family, and donors. Sponsor it for $2,500 to $5,000.
- The Judd Fellows Expo poster session runs concurrently with the Judd Fellows Expo reception. During the poster session, Judd Fellows present their international projects and visit one-on-one with Judd Expo attendees. Sponsor it for $1,500.
- Each spring, the newly selected Judd Fellows gather for a Judd Fellows Networking Event—a first step in making life-long connections as Judd Fellows. Sponsor it for $1,000.

**Donate to the Judd Alumni Fellowship Fund**
This fund accepts outright gifts of any size from Judd Fellow alumni. It will fund one (or more) additional Judd Fellowships when at least a total of $2,500 has been committed by Dec. 31.

*Sponsorships will be directed to Walter H. Judd Fellowship Fund.

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**Ways to make a gift**
Gifts can come in many forms, including cash, pledges, stock, planned gifts, bequests, IRA rollovers, and more.

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**Give by check:**
Contact Meaka for a gift form and envelope at 612-626-9123 or meaka@umn.edu.

**Give through your estate plans:**
Contact Susan Hommes at 612-624-8800.

**To learn more about how to accomplish your philanthropic goals,** contact Diane Young at 612-624-8819 or young054@umn.edu.

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In our Campaign for a Global U, the GPS Alliance seeks to:

- **Empower students for global success** with the skills to thrive in a global workforce and interconnected society.
- **Bring the world to the U** to connect the world’s brightest minds and diverse perspectives, and inspire new ideas.
- **Ignite global innovation** through collaborations and investment with the people and places that can best affect change.

To make a campaign gift, or to discuss options for giving, please contact Diane Young, development director, at 612-624-8819 or young054@umn.edu.
ABOUT THE JUDD

The Walter H. Judd International Graduate and Professional Fellowship Program was established in 2002 to create opportunities for University of Minnesota graduate and professional degree students to study, undertake internships and field experiences, and conduct research projects abroad. Currently, 15 fellowships are awarded annually.

The fellowships are funded with an annual gift from the Walter H. Judd Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation, matching funds from the U of M’s Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, and private support from generous individuals.

The fellowships are named for Walter H. Judd (1898-1994), a Minnesota Congressman and physician who devoted his life to public service and international awareness.