About the Fellowships

The Walter H. Judd International Graduate & Professional Fellowships were founded in 2002 to support the continued internationalization of the University of Minnesota by providing critical assistance to students enrolled in master’s and professional degree programs, and to increase opportunities for students to study, undertake internships, and conduct research projects abroad. A primary goal of the fellowships is to increase exposure to other cultures. The program especially encourages applications from students who have never traveled abroad.

In the first 10 years of the program, a total of 201 Judd Fellows have been able to study or conduct research abroad. Funding is provided by a generous gift from the Walter H. Judd Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation and additional funds from the University’s Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, with further support from individual donors.

Walter H. Judd was a physician who devoted his life to public service and international awareness. His first international experience came as a medical missionary in China from 1925 to 1931. After completing a surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Judd returned to China in 1934, where he supervised a 125-bed hospital in Shanxi Province during the Japanese invasion. He returned to the United States in 1938 and lectured throughout the country on the crisis in East Asia.

Judd represented Minnesota in Congress from 1942 to 1962. During his congressional service, Judd served as the U.S. Delegate to the World Health Assemblies, the First Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the United Nations. After his retirement from Congress, Judd maintained a rigorous speaking schedule, lecturing on public affairs, China, foreign policy, and religion and ethics. Judd died in 1994.

Donor Stories

Walter Judd was my hero. He would be very proud of what the Judd Fellows accomplish and would hope the program continues for many years to come.

— Wheelock Whitney

Out of the respect I have for Dr. Judd, I support the Judd Fellowships. He was an internationalist and physician, and the fellowship supports students working internationally and many times in the health field.

— Lyall Schwarzkopf
Dear Friends,

At the University of Minnesota, we offer many scholarships and fellowships to talented students in every discipline. But the Judd Fellowships are special. That’s because this program fills a unique and important gap. While there are numerous funding opportunities for undergraduate study abroad and Ph.D. dissertation research abroad, there are few options for master’s and professional students to study or conduct research around the world. This was especially true in 2000 when this program was first conceived, and that’s why I’m so pleased that 10 years ago my predecessors in the GPS Alliance launched this program.

The Judd Fellowship program is special too because of the solid community support. Those same 10 years ago, Walter Judd’s family and friends and The Minneapolis Foundation so wisely agreed to support the program financially. And, individual donors have provided extra support that has recently allowed us to increase the fellowships to $2,500.

The University of Minnesota, itself, has been a major supporter, providing more than $200,000 in matching funds over the years. Dedicated faculty, advisers, and staff have promoted the fellowships; written letters of support; and offered personal financial support for the program.

Finally, and most importantly, this program is special because of the Judd Fellows themselves. This is an extremely competitive program and these students are truly the cream of our University crop. More than 200 students have become Judd Fellows to date, and it’s amazing to see how much they accomplished in just 10 short years—earning Ph.D.s and faculty positions, helping make the world a better place at major institutions like the Gates Foundation and the United Nations, and enriching our cultural lives through music, literature, and art.

Thank you for your support over the past 10 years. Let us all look forward to 10 more years of inspiration, personal growth, and professional success of our Judd Fellows.

Meredith M. McQuaid
Associate Vice President and Dean
for International Programs
2002

As a Judd Fellow, Vanessa Steele Abanu studied African-Brazilian dance and music traditions as part of a project to immerse youth and adults from the Twin Cities in African-Brazilian arts and culture and enrich their international perspectives.

Where is she now? I am currently working on my Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development at the University of Minnesota. I will conduct my doctoral research in Brazil where I’ll be investigating the historical development of Black Studies in the U.S. and Afro-Brazilian Studies in Brazil. After completing my Ph.D., I plan to become a professor and continue to develop research and programs that promote international engagement among scholars, students, and local communities.

As a Judd Fellow, Amy Herman conducted HIV intervention research at the Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania.

Where is she now? I earned a Ph.D. in Epidemiology and currently work with Population Services International (PSI), conducting research in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and Ethiopia.
2003

As a Judd Fellow, **Qiliang He** researched the 1930 American Tour of Mei Lanfang, one of the leading Beijing Opera actors in China, exploring the interaction of Chinese “tradition” and western modernity in an international context.

**Where is he now?** I am currently an assistant professor of History at the University of South Carolina, Upstate and recently had my first book published, “Gilded Voices, Economics, Politics, and Storytelling in the Yangzi Delta since 1949.” With my Judd Fellowship, I conducted the research for my doctoral dissertation and beyond. I am still benefiting from that trip because some of my publications are relevant to the research I made in the summer of 2003. In this sense, the Judd Fellowship jump-started my career as a China historian.

As a Judd Fellow, **Lara Magee** interned in Kenya working on educational and clinical aspects in the arena of maternal child healthcare in developing countries.

**Reflection on her time abroad:** This study abroad experience enriched me professional, academically, and personally. This experience has left a mark on me that has reconfirmed the direction for my academic and professional career. I am fortunate to have such an opportunity. All my objectives for this internship experience were met. I received so much more than I felt I was able to offer. I am grateful for all the financial support that I have received that made this experience a reality.

I give to the Judd Fellowships because it is an opportunity to help support the best and brightest students of this University to work in an international environment.

— Bill Toscano, Professor and Head, Division of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health
2004

As a Judd Fellow, Lindsey Lesher interned in Tanzania with community health workers, focusing on implementing effective HIV outreach programs and working with orphanages for children whose families were affected by AIDS.

Where is she now? I’m currently an epidemiologist at the Minnesota Department of Health and working on my Ph.D. in Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota.

As a Judd Fellow, Clint Pecenka studied the involvement of stakeholder groups in the development of the “Che Guevara Trail,” a cultural and historical tourism project in Bolivia.

Where is he now? I received a Ph.D. in Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota. I am currently a consulting economist at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation where I conduct policy-relevant research on a variety of issues related to global health.

As a Judd Fellow, Noah Rogoff visit the Arnold Schoenberg Center to investigate the composer’s place in Vienna, a capital of central European culture.

Where is he now? I received a doctorate in cello performance from the University of Minnesota and now am an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska, Kearney. I have performed with a variety of ensembles, including the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, Prague’s Penguin Quartet, and the U.N.K. Faculty Piano Trio.

Dr. Judd has been a hero of ours for many years. Being able to salute Walter and at the same time support some fabulous students is a great opportunity.

— Joyce and Dick McFarland
2005

As a Judd Fellow, Éireann Lorsung studied printmaking and drawing at the Scuola Internazionale di Grafica in Venice, Italy.

*Where is she now?* I’m completing a Ph.D. in Critical Theory. My first book, “music for landing planes by,” was published in 2007 by Milkweed, and a second book will be published in summer 2013. I am living in Belgium and I co-run with my partner a small press called MIEL.

As a Judd Fellow, Sarah Sik went to England to research the influence of the arts of Japan upon the American Arts and Crafts Revival.

*Where is she now?* I received a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and am now an assistant professor of Art History at the University of South Dakota. My essay, “Pirated Posters: International Print Politics and the Graphic Art of Maurice Biais,” was published in the catalog for an exhibition at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art (2007). I contributed an essay to “The Orient Expressed” catalog and painting entries to the “Breaking the Mold” publication at the Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame (2012).

The Judd Fellowship helps move master’s students to a higher plateau of awareness through contact with scholars and professionals in other countries. The Judd is a vital lifeline to tomorrow. It has successfully helped a number of my students move on effectively in academic careers.

— Gabriel P. Weisberg, Professor of Art History and Adviser to Sarah Sik
2006

As a Judd Fellow, **Amanda Murray** participated in a clinical anesthesiology rotation at St. John’s Medical College in Bangalore, India.

**Where is she now?** I completed my anesthesiology residency training at the University of Minnesota in 2011. I am now working as an anesthesiologist with Northwest Anesthesia, PA, a private group that contracts with Abbott Northwestern Hospital. I appreciate the support from the Judd Fellowships long ago!

As a Judd Fellow, **Alina Evans** investigated the presence of Rift Valley Fever in Kenya with a goal to improve targeted screening.

**Where is she now?** I completed a Fulbright fellowship and received additional funding from the Morris Animal Foundation to research viruses and eye diseases in reindeer on Svalbard, an island on the high arctic ocean. The Judd Foundation fellowship was my first international research project and was a great start! I am currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in stress physiology in large carnivores at Hedmark University College in Norway.

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**My life was changed by opportunities to live abroad, experiencing new and different cultures. I believe young people should have similar opportunities.**

— Charles M. Denny, Jr.

The Judd Fellowships enable students to have an amazing growth experience related to their major field. The experience impacts students in perhaps their first overseas travel as a young professional.

— Ann and Jack Cole
2007

As a Judd Fellow, **Anna Hersey** explored how music serves to rouse loyalty and unity in Siena’s (Italy) rival factions, through a study of the musical aspects of an annual horse race.

*Where is she now?* I was a recent Fulbright Fellow at the Kungliga Musikhögskolan (Royal College of Music) in Stockholm, Sweden. My book, “Scandinavian Song: A Guide to Diction and Repertoire,” is forthcoming from Scarecrow Press. I received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Miami, and this fall will join the music history faculty at Iowa State University.

As a Judd Fellow, **Heather Hampton** participated in the Duke Program on Global Policy and Governance in Geneva and completed an internship focused on agricultural trade policy.

*Where is she now?* I am now working in Washington D.C. on the Government Accountability Office’s International Affairs and Trade team, which is directly related to my interests I pursued in graduate school. It’s very rewarding. My current work is an evaluation of the Millennium Challenge Corporation and transportation infrastructure projects it has in seven countries.

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I can’t think of any other program at the University of Minnesota that has such a meaningful impact on students in a global setting.

— Nevin Young, Distinguished McKnight Professor, Department of Plant Pathology
2008

As a Judd Fellow, **Sarah Christianson** photographed six areas of Norway from which her ancestors came, as part of her M.F.A. thesis project that explored the history and uncertain future of the Christianson family’s five-generation farm in North Dakota.

**Where is she now?** My first photo book will be published by Daylight next year. It includes the project I created in Norway with my Judd Fellowship.

As a Judd Fellow, **Anna Langer** interned with the Population Council’s regional office in Cairo, focusing on research related to youth and also the dynamics of job quality over time in the Egyptian economy.

**Where is she now?** I am thankful for the Judd Fellowship as it helped me realize that I wanted to work in international development. I currently work at DAI, a company that implements USAID and other donor-funded projects in developing countries.

As a Judd Fellow, **Melissa Riedesel** traveled to the highland regions of Kenya with members of a research team to assist in the continual surveillance for malaria.

**Where is she now?** I’m still at the University of Minnesota working on a Ph.D. in Epidemiology and traveling overseas for my research.

As Judd Fellows, **Sarah Sevcik and Elizabeth Hutchinson** assisted with the development of a village-level surveillance system for birth, mortality, and disease data in Tanzania.

**Where are they now?** **Sarah:** I work in Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of Minnesota on a grant aimed at preventing unhealthy weight gain in community college students. I just finished a master’s in Adult Education and I’ll be teaching an Intro to Global Health course at the University of Saint Thomas. **Elizabeth:** I am with CARE, working as a Technical Advisor on a Gates Foundation-funded international development (women’s empowerment in agriculture) program in six countries.
2009

As a Judd Fellow, Kristina Krohn worked at Mulago Hospital in Uganda, where she performed analyses to determine strains of meningitis and where people acquire the infection.

Where is she now? I am taking a leave of absence from residency to be the Stanford-NBC News Global Health and Media Fellow. I’ll spend a year learning to share medical events and news and will work with the World Health Organization in India and Geneva. I will attend Stanford’s graduate-level journalism school and then work with Nancy Snyderman at NBC News.

As a Judd Fellow, Meghan Mason promoted HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention for Kenyan teens.

Where is she now? I’m working on my Ph.D. in Epidemiology. I’m getting ready to start writing my dissertation, which will investigate the bacterial disease leptospirosis in Chile and the role water and dogs play in the transmission from animals to humans.

As a Judd Fellow, Edward Kasner investigated pesticide usage and health issues related to farmers in a small village near Kunming, China.

Where is he now? I completed a fellowship with the SENSOR-Pesticides Program in Cincinnati in August and have started a Ph.D. program at the University of Washington, Seattle in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences.

The small amounts I contribute are given with the intention of ensuring that this opportunity continues for future students. I find myself reflecting on my Judd Fellowship experience nearly every day, and want other students to share in the immeasurable personal learning that can be achieved only by going global.

— Meghan Mason, 2009 Judd Fellow
2010

As a Judd Fellow, **Kara Durski** interned at the World Health Organization and gained advanced knowledge of public health issues, surveillance techniques, and control strategies for zoonotic diseases.

**Where is she now?** After finishing my master’s in Public Health in 2011, I returned to the WHO in Geneva. I would not have had this amazing opportunity without the support of the Judd Fellowship!

As a Judd Fellow, **Meg Tabaka** analyzed records at Mulago Hospital in Uganda to determine the change of Cryptococcal meningitis incidence over time.

**Where is she now?** I am currently in my second year of medical school at Stanford University.

As a Judd Fellow, **Caroline Krafft** researched gender and labor market dynamic, and educational inequality as an intern for the Population Council in Cairo.

**Where is she now?** I am pursuing a Ph.D. in Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. I presented my early childhood education research at the World Bank, and now I’m consulting there, researching early childhood development throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

**Jay Bowman**
Yemen

**Marc Dettman**
Egypt

**Kara Durski**
Switzerland

**Kristin Finn**
Uganda

**Jenean Harris**
Ecuador

**Angelina Jones**
Ghana

**Caroline Krafft**
Egypt

**Laurie McGinley**
Turkey

**Sara Nelson**
Bulgaria

**Deborah Pestka**
Spain

**Areca Roe**
Hungary

**Jonathan Silva**
Ecuador, Peru

**Meredith Stocking**
Colombia

**Meg Tabaka**
Uganda

**Eme Unanaowo**
Mozambique
As a Judd Fellow, Kaela Glass interned with WellShare International in the Ssembabule and Mubende Districts of Uganda to conduct a monitoring and evaluation project with the Partnering for Positive Livelihoods Program, a community initiative that serves orphans and adults living with HIV/AIDS.

It’s extremely satisfying to observe how our emotional and financial support has assisted the fellows as they reach out across a troubled world with their ideas, helping hands, and desires for a better world. They are wonderful ambassadors for the ideals and values taught and lived by the Judds and incorporated into the Judd Fellowship program.

— Carol and Cliff Stiles
By the Numbers 2002-2012

201 Judd Fellows

$415,000 Awarded

Fellows by College

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

Destinations by Region

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East
- N. America
- Oceania
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Judd Fellows have studied and conducted research in 71 countries and territories on six continents.