



Global Scholar Program

Global Scholar is an international relations summer program for high school and college students to build their knowledge, skills, and network for social change-making on a local and global scale.

Through hands-on learning and meetings with leading policy experts, Global Scholar empowers young and emerging leaders to become effective change-makers on their campuses and in their communities. Recent graduates of the program have enrolled at top institutions such as **Harvard**, **Columbia**, the **University of Chicago**, **McGill University**, and others. Global Scholar alumni have also gone on to work with leading organizations like the **United Nations** as well as founding their own.

Founded in 2006, AMP Global Youth created Global Scholar as an immersive leadership and career development incubator for young, ambitious achievers eager to build a more just and sustainable world.





Global Scholar Approach

Global Scholar offers a unique curriculum that combines intimate policy seminars with carefully curated hands-on training workshops. This gives Global Scholars the robust knowledge and marketable skills to become successful students, citizens, leaders, change makers, and professionals in our increasingly globalized world. We believe in:

- Prioritizing learning from experts, decision makers and campaigners working on global issues, including young professionals and youth activists.
- Mixing classroom-style lectures and readings with hands-on opportunities to debate issues and express the unique vision and ideas of youth.
- Doing experiential and participatory workshops that operate a 'do-discuss-generalise-apply' model which is centred on hands-on activities and critical thinking.
- Blending creative, visual, video and other media with readings.
- Teaching lifelong learning skills including the importance of reflection, dialogue, self-care, and creative expression.

Global Scholar Approach

Over the course of the program, Global Scholars participate in:

- **Expert panel discussions** with/from foreign policy experts representing top government bodies and independent organizations. Past speakers have included the **U.S. Department of State**, the **World Bank**, the **United Nations Foundation**, **Oxfam America**, **CARE**, and many more.
- **Policy Seminars** led by experts working on key global challenges. Past seminars have included: *“Promoting Human Rights, and the Development of Women and Girls Worldwide”* and *“The Global Financial System: the Role of Corporations, Banks, Donors, and the International Financial Institutions”*.
- **Training workshops** that build highly marketable and transferable skills in complex problem-solving, strategic planning, strategic communications, diversity & inclusion, global citizenship, and more.





Blended Learning Experience

Global Scholar provides a blended learning experience that is varied, dynamic, and responsive to the needs of its diverse participant cohorts. We believe this is important in serving the multiple learning styles and intelligences of young people growing up in a 21st century world.

Our Global Scholars learn in a range of contexts and through a range of pedagogies including lecture-style seminars, experiential workshops, digital learning, and real-life experiences.

Learning Objectives

The Global Scholar curriculum centers on two overarching objectives:

1. **Understanding global challenges facing our generation.** We meet with experts to explore security, poverty, climate change, global hunger, genocide, the rights of women and girls, and much more. We also unpack key structures and functions of the global system, for example the role of the United Nations and the G8.
2. **Building young global leaders.** Through workshops covering skills such as leadership, interpersonal communications, team building, strategic planning, social change, and more, Global Scholars learn how to inspire change and lead action. They put these skills into practice through our unique Action Lab as well as through various leadership and career development opportunities.





Key Program Modules

The Global Scholar learning program is split into 4 modules:

1. Understanding the Global System
2. Exploring Global Challenges
3. Action Lab
4. Global Citizenship and Pathways to Change

In addition we offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities that include enjoying the surrounding city's cultural attractions and areas of interest. In our experience, we see that our Global Scholars learn just as much inside the classroom as they do outside of it.

Understanding the Global System

Our first stop in exploring challenges facing our generation is unpacking the system that underpins them. Global Scholars begin the program by exploring concepts like human rights, equity, and sustainability. They also learn about key theoretical frameworks for the global system, including around the role of states and non-state actors. Scholars learn about key actors within the global system including the United Nations, G7/G20, international financial institutions, and more.

By the end of the module, Scholars will be able to explain key frameworks for the global system and have a firm understanding of major actors and entities. This knowledge will fuel their understanding of global challenges presented later in the program.





Embassy Visits

Our second stop in Understanding the Global System is made up of formal visits to embassies, selected according to their current political relevance on the international stage.

During these visits, Global Scholars meet with ambassadors and state representatives to discuss domestic and foreign policy (particularly through the lens of bilateral relations with the US) as well as the socioeconomic history, cultural identity, and political fabric of the country.

In the past we have visited and met with Ambassadors and high-level representatives from embassies such as:

- China
- Afghanistan
- Mexico
- Niger
- Haiti
- and many more.

Exploring Global Challenges

This module is made up of panel discussions and policy seminars with leading experts and professionals in the fields of global security, immigration, environment and climate change, food and water, youth development, human rights, poverty and inequality, and more.

The module takes place at organizational offices and HQs around the city in order to give Global Scholars an authentic flavor of working in the field. By the end of this module, Global Scholars will have gained a deeper understanding in domestic and foreign policy in the above issue areas as well as historic and emerging trends in the issue ecosystem.





AMP Action Lab

The Action Lab module provides theory and practice in action-taking and change-making - whether at the personal, interpersonal, institutional, or systemic level. Delivered through hands-on, participatory workshops, each one deep dives into one of 6 crucial skill-sets for the young and emerging leader's toolkit:

- Systems Thinking and Complex Problem-Solving
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Strategic Planning
- Strategic Communications
- Empathy Mapping
- Pathways to Global Change.

By the end of this module, participants will understand all the various ways of activating their changemaker toolkit for equitable, effective action. Furthermore, by the end of this module, participants will have planned and presented a social action project that applies all their newly-acquired knowledge and skills.

Global Citizenship and Pathways to Change

The module is based on the increasingly understood concept of global citizenship. Here, we kick things off with a robust exploration of what that concept means. Participants debate and discuss their own working definitions of the term, through a range of awareness-raising activities, which they revisit and refine throughout the program. The final session prompts the group to finalize their definition of global citizenship as a launchpad and guiding principle for their leadership moving forward.

This module also includes exploring “Pathways to Global Change” - pathways being different degrees, careers, and actions that our Global Scholars can take to jumpstart their new commitment to getting involved as global citizens.





Career Development

Career readiness is one of the main reasons why Global Scholars choose our summer program over others. Not only does Global Scholar take place specifically in global centers of politics and entrepreneurship, but our small program size guarantees individualized attention and small group learning with staff, mentors, and of course, expert speakers and professionals.

Global Scholars are constantly reinforcing professional and interpersonal skills as they shake hands with leaders, and are able to ask a range of personal questions from how to submit a successful college application to how they can find an internship to launch their professional careers.

Many of our Global Scholars go on to be successfully selected as interns of the organizations that we visit, these include The ONE Foundation, The Aspen Institute, various Senator offices, and of course, AMP Global Youth.

Capitol Hill

The Global Scholar learning journey culminates in our day on Capitol Hill where our young and emerging leaders put all the knowledge and skills they have gained from the curriculum to good use.

Our Global Scholars work hard to carefully prepare their research, questions, political commentary, written letters, and project proposals to present to their US-elected officials. Over the course of the day, they will attend a number of scheduled meetings and drop-in visits with their Senators and Representatives to make their youth voices heard on the issues which matter to them the most.

This is always a special occasion because not only do our Global Scholars learn, hands-on, the art of public speaking, diplomacy, and networking - but they also have the opportunity to represent the real life concerns of young people all over the country and around the world.





Project Presentations

As part of the AMP Action Lab curriculum, at the end of the program our Scholars are expected, in small groups, to present a 'minimal viable project' which tackles a 21st century global challenge. In this project presentation, Global Scholars demonstrate their root cause analysis of the problem; their design of a systemic solution; and a range of project outputs that are fundamental to any social action, project, or campaign. These outputs include a written letter to decision-makers, a blog post, social media content, an awareness-raising video, creative poster, and more. Scholars receive feedback on their presentations from their peers as well as from our expert staff.

As the grand finale to the program, these project presentations are an effective way for our Scholars to put everything they've learnt to the test as well as into real collaborative action.

Extra-curricular activities

Our Global Scholars enjoy an intense learning program from which they need some quality time to relax and have fun. Not to mention that a large proportion of our Global Scholars are coming to see the nation's capital, Washington D.C., for the very first time meaning that sightseeing ranks high on the agenda. As a result, Global Scholar has a carefully curated catalog of extra-curricular activities that provides unforgettable moments and memories every single time. These out-of-classroom experiences include and are not limited to:

- A picnic for the 4th July 'Independence Day' fireworks
- A boat tour of D.C. along Potomac River
- A cultural performance at the J.F.K. Center for the Performing Arts
- Visits to D.C's world-famous monuments and memorials
- A night walk of the National Mall
- A visit to the White House
- Visits to D.C's museums
- Cultural dining experiences





Global Scholar community-building

Summer programs can be an exciting prospect for young people looking for an adventure away from home - and also a daunting one. One of the more common concerns that our Global Scholars come with is related to meeting new people and making friends.

This is why we invest a great deal of time and energy into cultivating our collective with team-building activities, communal eating, 1-2-1 staff-Scholar support time, intentional personality matching for pair and small group exercises, and our AMPbassadors (Global Scholar alumni of past years) who pair up with Scholars from the moment they are accepted onto the program to the moment they arrive on campus.

With all this behind-the-scenes work, our Global Scholars rank the social aspect of our program very highly. It is safe to say that they form friendships that last way beyond the time and space of the summer program.

Global Scholar Advisory Board

The Global Scholar Advisory Board (GSAB) is a post-program opportunity for our Global Scholars to remain involved in the wider organizational network as well as to continue building and applying their newly acquired skillset as young leaders. Being a member of the advisory board gives Global Scholars a unique perspective on how a nonprofit organization operates from the inside-out and on how their input shows up in AMP's organizational strategy. Board members are consulted on programming, outreach, branding, and strategy - and in exchange for their time and expertise, Scholars receive exclusive access to ongoing trainings, 1-2-1 coaching and mentoring, and professional opportunities. In addition to these benefits, there is no doubt that the Global Scholar Advisory Board is a highly transferable and marketable work experience to boost any competitive resume.





What They Say About Us

I wanted to thank you for providing Willa such an incredible learning opportunity over the last two weeks. Every time I spoke with her, she was so excited about all of the experiences she was having. It is clear that you run an excellent program.

- Parent

Global Scholar completely changed my perspective on the world and how to have an impact in it.

- Participant

She has had an amazing time and speaks highly of all the leaders. I can't wait for her to get home and tell me all about it. Thank you so much for putting on a great program!

- Parent

I must say that the program has had a big impression on me and I thoroughly enjoyed it, especially the embassy visits and the admin team was fantastic.

- Participant

Meet the Leadership Team



Karen has led the Global Scholar program for the past 7 years, and has developed and delivered programming around social change, advocacy, strategic communications, and movement building for over 15 years. Karen was previously the Executive Director of AMP Global Youth, and is current Co-Chair of the Board of Directors. When not coaching AMP leaders, she's a Senior Campaign Director for a national women's organization. She has worked for Oxfam International, MomsRising, Netcentric Campaigns, and the Bank Information Center, and has worked in Mali, Niger, Nepal and the United States. Karen got her start as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa. She has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University and a Bachelors Degree from the University of Michigan. She is a graduate of Horace Mann-Barnard School in New York City.



Vanessa is a trainer-facilitator, curriculum developer, and project coordinator in social impact education. She works with AMP in designing and delivering the AMP Action Lab, Global Scholar, and AMPlifier virtual trainings for global youth. Her curricula span anti-oppression; systems thinking; and social action as ways to educate and inspire systems-level social change. Outside of her work with AMP, Vanessa has led youth-focused training programs at educational institutions including Oxford and Cambridge University as well as facilitating high school programs throughout Europe. Vanessa has a double honors Bachelors degree in International Relations and Spanish and a post-graduate certificate in Social Enterprise and Innovation. She is really passionate about traveling, reading, and speaking Spanish. To find out more about her work, please visit www.vanessafaloye.com



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