Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab
Arizona State University

UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS PROGRAM

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
Deadline: December 16, 2022

The Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab (LDNS Lab) advances character-driven leadership, diplomacy, and national security education and training in support of the full range of university enterprises. Led by diplomatic and national security professionals, the LDNS Lab dedicates itself to learner-centered solutions and thought leadership through a global network of partners employing state-of-the-art learning tools.

The LDNS Lab is currently seeking two highly motivated undergraduate students to participate in its innovative Undergraduate Research Fellows Program for the Spring 2023 semester. Students accepted into the program will work directly with faculty mentors on current research projects involving leadership, diplomacy and national security and will qualify for a $2,500 scholarship.

Projects will range across a variety of disciplines, types of diplomacy, international leadership and national security settings. Students will devote approximately 5-7 hours per week to research assistance for faculty mentor(s). Activities may involve archival or bibliographic research, data collection, library or web searches, or other activities related to the mentors' research project.

Students will meet with faculty mentor(s) weekly via Zoom for 30-60 minutes to explore the dynamics of leadership, diplomacy and national security from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. This will provide an opportunity for students to read and discuss recent work on leadership, diplomacy and national security and to meet with leading ASU faculty working in this area.

When the students complete the Fellows program for the Spring 2023 semester, they will receive a scholarship of $2,500. Scholarships are paid through the ASU Financial Aid Office. As a result, scholarships are first applied to university bills.

REQUIREMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION:

- Preference for first-generation college students (neither parent earned a four-year college/university degree).
- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- All ASU undergraduate majors and years of study are eligible.
- Students must demonstrate a strong work ethic and volunteer spirit through their essay responses.
- Location: If selected, must attend weekly Zoom meeting at the mutually decided time.

For more information, or if you have any questions about these forms or the application process, please contact:

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Send all application materials to ldns@asu.edu.
2. Application materials include:
   a. **Application Form:** Complete this form by typing into the boxes below (please do not submit handwritten forms). Once all fields are complete, please print the form and add your signature in the appropriate box. You can then scan the document as a PDF, or take a clear, high-resolution photo of the completed form.
   b. **Application Questions Form:** Use the form to provide clear, well-written answers to questions about your interest in the Fellows program and its relationship to your career goals. See the form for guidelines.
   c. **Letter of recommendation:** One recommendation letter from an ASU faculty member (faculty should e-mail their letter directly to ldns@asu.edu.
   d. **Transcript:** A copy of your most recent transcript including grades from your most recently completed semester and cumulative GPA (unofficial copies are acceptable).

APPLICATION FORM

Name:		**ASU ID:**		
Email address:		**Cell phone:**		
Address:	Street:	City:	State:	Zip:
Major(s):		**ASU College/Department:**		
Academic Advisor:		**Expected Graduation:** Semester: Year:		
Faculty Recommender: **(who provides your letter of recommendation)**		**Recommender Department:** **Recommender E-Mail:**		

STUDENT APPLICANT CONSENT TO RELEASE RECORDS: Among other rights afforded to me under Federal Legislation commonly known as "The 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act," as amended, I understand that I have the right to specify the name of each and every individual to whom my records are released. I further understand that I may waive my right to specify the name of each scholarship donor or scholarship committee to whom my records are released as long as such records are used only in connection with the selection process. I hereby authorize ASU and the Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab to gather and release all records maintained by the office concerning me. Such records may contain the following:

a. A copy of my official or unofficial transcript.
b. Letter of recommendation bearing specifically on my application for the scholarship.
c. Other documents and information relating to my academic performance.

I certify that the information throughout this application is accurate and that misrepresentation of any facts or details could result in ineligibility for any scholarships/awards.

Type Name		**Date**	
Signature			

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Name:
Guidelines: In the boxes below, please type answers to each question. Each answer should be approximately 150-200 words, using the Times New Roman font at size 11 (keep answers single-spaced). The selection committee will consider the quality of your writing and the clarity of your responses in determining your suitability for this program.
Question 1: Please describe your interest in leadership, diplomacy and national security, discussing examples where relevant. Also, please note whether you are a first-generation college student (neither parent earned a four-year college/university degree).
Question 2: How would participation in this program contribute to your academic and/or professional career goals?

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Question 3: Please list issues, regions or countries you are passionate about in international affairs and how you think you could contribute to the Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab's work.