

## **Natalie Gulbrandsen Ministerial Scholarship Fund for International Studies 2025-2026**

The Natalie Gulbrandsen Ministerial Scholarship Fund for International Studies has been established to provide opportunities for ministers and candidates for ministry to engage in meaningful ways in a developing country for academic, interfaith or social justice purposes.

The fund has been created to honor the work of Natalie Gulbrandsen who made enormous contributions to the life of the Unitarian Universalist Association and its presence in international, interfaith and cross-cultural relationships. Ministers and candidates who are interested in broadening their liberal religious knowledge and understandings, and in strengthening their international sympathies, by immersing themselves in or studying in a developing country are encouraged to apply.

### **GRANT GUIDELINES:**

Grants will be made to individuals who are Unitarian Universalist ministers serving in a congregation or community setting or candidates for ministerial fellowship..

Grants will be made to individuals in order that they may have meaningful exposure to developing countries. The goal is that their ministry may be informed by an understanding of the nature and consequences of poverty and of the economic differential between nations and regions of the world.

Developing countries shall be defined as those falling in the lower 50% of the nations of the world economically, as determined by the United Nations Human Development Report or other such indices.

Grants of at least \$1000 will be made for projects of an academic, interfaith, or social justice nature.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

- 1) Complete the enclosed application form and submit no later than 5pm April 15, 2026 at [professionaldevelopment@uua.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@uua.org).
- 2) Application should include a descriptive essay of the international project in which you wish to engage, including the community with which you will be in contact and how you expect this experience to inform your ministry.
- 3) Applications must include a detailed budget of all costs as well as other sources of income.
- 4) All Fellowshipped ministers must include a letter stating that they are currently in good standing and all candidates must include a letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or a minister in Final Fellowship.
- 5) All application requests **MUST** be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 6) You will receive notification of award decisions by June 30, 2026.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

Award grants will be determined by the UUA Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Directors of the UUSC and UU United Nations Office (or their designee), and the Directors of the International Office and the Ministerial Development Office of the UUA.

**NATALIE GULBRANDSEN SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
APPLICATION 2025-2026**

To be filled out by applicant  
Please print clearly or type!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Please describe your cultural, racial or ethnic background \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Ministers in Fellowship:**

Place of current ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Dates serving current ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Date received Preliminary Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received Final Fellowship (where applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**For Candidates for Ministry:**

UU Sponsoring Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Theological School \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Application must include:

- 1) A descriptive essay of the international project in which you wish to engage, the nature of your engagement (academic, interfaith, or social justice), the specific community with which you will be in contact and how you expect this experience to inform your ministry.
- 2) A detailed budget of all costs and other sources of income.
- 3) All ministers in Fellowship must include a letter stating that they are currently in good standing and all candidates for ministry must include a letter of recommendation from an academic advisor and/or a minister in Final Fellowship.

Once the grants are awarded, if your current address, phone number and email address will be different after May 30, 2026, where should the letter be mailed?

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please return this form no later than 5pm on April 1, 2026 to:**

Professional Development Office  
professionaldevelopment@uua.org