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FSU Gap Year and Gap Year Fellows Program

Recruitment Info Session

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GAP YEAR
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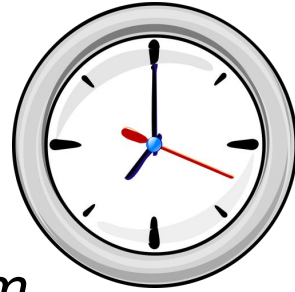
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Session Agenda

- **7:00pm-7:10pm:** Outline of FSU's *Gap Year Program*
- **7:10pm-7:20pm:** Talk about *the Gap Year Deferment*
- **7:20pm-7:30pm:** Walk through *the Gap Year Application* and potential funding through *the Gap Year Fellow Program*
- **7:30pm-7:50pm:** Talk about *Gap Year Experiences*, with commentary from current and former Gap Year Fellows
- **7:50pm-8:30pm:** Q&A



Quick Question

- *What is a Gap Year, and why might it be helpful to take one?*

[Gap Year Association](#)

[Definition and History](#)

- What are your goals for taking a Gap Year?





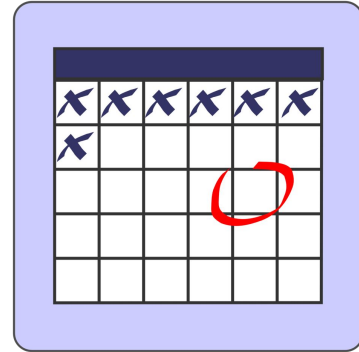
The Gap Year Program

- Offers students the opportunity to take a gap year before coming to FSU
- A 3-part program intended to enable students to *design*, *inact*, and *reflect* upon their gap year experiences
- Grounds future undergraduate experience within personal interest
- Grants *formative experience* to students through the Gap Year Engage-100 course



Important Dates

- **February 18th-March 14th:** Gap Year Program application open
- **April 15th:** Acceptance and funding notifications sent out
- **April 22nd:** Students confirm their place
- **May 1st:** \$200 deposit due to FSU
- **June 2022:** Weekly webinars to help plan project
- **September 2022-July 2023:** Gap Year Experiences
- **August 2023:** Students matriculate into FSU





Program Outline

- 3 Phases:
 - Preparation (Summer 2022)
 - Student Experience (2022-2023 Academic Year)
 - Reflection Engage-100 Course (Fall 2023)
- Focus:
Finding personal interest to center experiences





Student Admission Status

Accepted students defer their enrollment for 12 months. Terms of the deferment for accepted students:

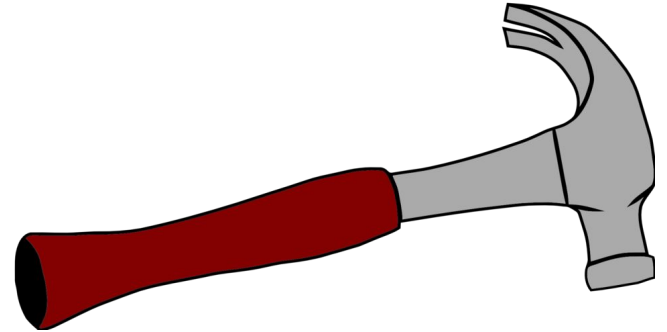
- ❑ Pay \$200 admissions deposit to reserve their space by May 1, 2022.
- ❑ May not apply to any other colleges/universities nor earn college credit during their gap year.
- ❑ Deferments granted by the FSU Office of Admissions apply to general admission to FSU only. Students also applying to special, limited access, academic programs (dance, film animation, film production, music, studio art, or theatre) would also need to coordinate a gap year deferment with their specific academic program.
- ❑ Since you will not be enrolled at FSU, Florida Bright Futures funding would not apply to a gap year. FSU Scholarships awarded to the student will be deferred until the student enrolls the following year. Gap year students should confirm financial deferment eligibility with private or other non-FSU scholarship programs .
- ❑ Should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1 during the gap year.

The Office of Admissions reserves the right to review the status of any admitted student, including those on a gap year, and to rescind its offer of admission if a student's academic and personal record does not meet the conditions of admission to the University.



Preparation

- Summer 2022
(Remote Cohort Meetings June-August)
- Preparation Info Session Goals:
 - Build *Community*
(within program and our host areas)
 - Discuss *goal setting and planning*
 - Explain *the need for flexibility to still meet goals* in difficult environments
 - *Plan intended gap year experiences*





Student Experience



- July 2022-July 2023 (specifics TBD by student)
- Goal: *have the experience you've planned for*
 - Keep a [Blog of Experience](#)
 - Complete 6-12 month-long experience
 - Meet regularly with CRE staff
- Remote, Domestic, and International Opportunities Supported for 2021 (as approved by university travel policy)
- Student-Developed
 - Independent Experience developed during summer
 - Can be tweaked throughout the year





Developing Your Experience

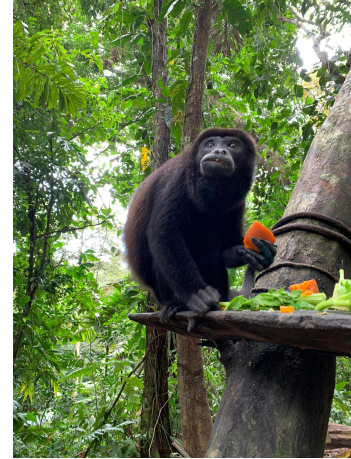
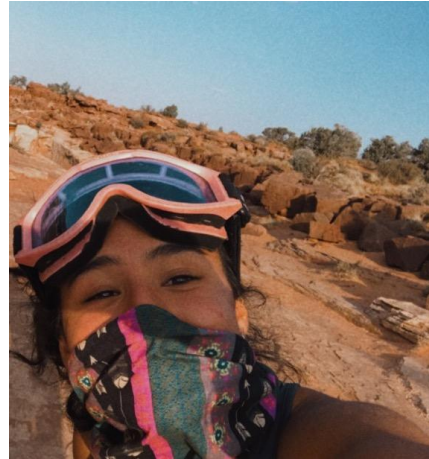
- Part of the Preparation Sessions
(don't worry if you do not know exactly what you want to do now)
- Should be relevant to your
 - Interests
 - Abilities





Examples of Experiences

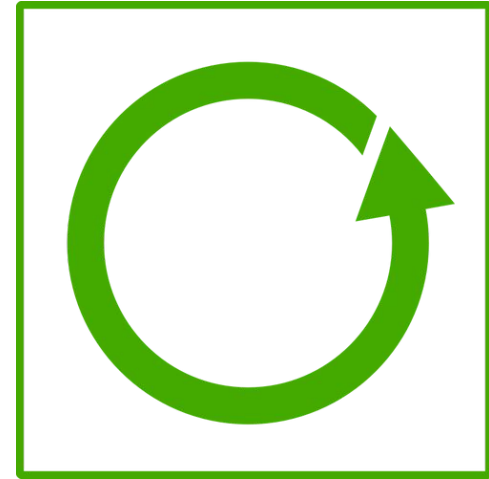
- [Gap Year Association List](#)
- [Global Citizens Academy](#)
- [WWOOF](#)
- [GoAbroad](#)
- [GoOverseas](#)
- [Omprakash](#)
- [Americorps](#)
- [Student Conservation Association](#)





Reflection Course (Engage-100 Course)

- Fall 2023
- Goal: *How to follow up on THAT?*
 - Reflect on gap year experiences
 - Explore forms of engagement at FSU (both academic and extra-curricular)
 - Plan for future undergraduate experience based upon reflections and observations from gap year
 - Build an on-campus supportive community





Application Process

- All done online:
https://fsu-cre.smapply.us/prog/fsu_gap_year_program_and_fellows_application
- Questions will ask about:
 - You (fill in the blanks: name, major, etc)
 - Your interest in the Gap Year and thoughts for the experience
 - If you want to pursue funding
 - A reference
- All applications are **due March 14th** at 11:59PM





Recommendation

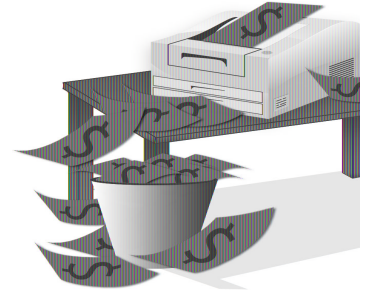
- Will be prompted to share information and a link will be sent
- Must be a person able to assess your abilities to complete your project (not a friend or family)
- All recommendations will be **due March 18th at 11:59PM**





FSU's Gap Year Fellows Funding

- Up to \$5000 for expenses related to gap year experience
- Only offered to qualifying projects:
 - Intercultural experience
 - Service-centered
 - Must be at least 6 months
- Bright Futures Funding would not apply to the Gap Year





So what is this experience like?

Let's hear from some Gap Year Fellows about their experience!





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