Expanding access to
Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs

“We are committed to recruiting outstanding students from all over the world—students who are passionate about making a positive and lasting impact on issues such as global poverty, international security, and human rights. Financial aid plays a crucial role in bringing these students to Yale.”

— Jim Levinsohn, Director, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, and Charles Goodyear Professor of Global Affairs

Founded in 2009 with a transformational gift from John W. ’67 and Susan Jackson, the Jackson Institute promotes education and scholarship on global affairs at Yale. Academic programs are interdisciplinary and are designed to inspire and prepare Yale students for global leadership and service.

In particular, the master’s program in global affairs is intended to attract creative, intellectually curious students who come to Yale ready to define their own paths towards making an impact in the global community. The program is small by design, with 25–30 students admitted with each entering class. Each student pursues an individual course of study that includes opportunities to learn from renowned Yale faculty across disciplines, as well as to participate in seminars with senior fellows—practitioners from the public and private sector. However, the cost of the two-year program poses a challenge for many accepted students.

Merit based fellowships are an essential recruiting tool as admitted students consider the program costs and their potential debt upon graduation when making their matriculation decision. The Access Yale initiative aims to build robust new fellowship resources for the Jackson Institute. With your support, we can ensure that the Jackson Institute is the first choice of top students looking to enter the field of global affairs.

“The fellowship convinced me that Yale and the Jackson Institute were serious about their investment in my education and career. I aim to make the most of my graduate studies and to me, this fellowship means that my program does too. Graduating without overwhelming debt will allow me to wholeheartedly pursue the international, non-profit job opportunities I am passionate about.”

Before coming to Yale, Nelly Mecklenburg ’17 MA, recipient of the Gager Family Fellowship, worked on a number of women’s economic development projects in France, South Africa, and Rwanda. At Jackson, Nelly is studying international development and women’s rights.
Giving opportunities

$100,000 or more

Endowed Named Fellowship Fund

The cost to participate in the two-year master’s in global affairs program is approximately $60,000 per year, including tuition of $38,700 plus expenses. With limited financial aid available, many students borrow to cover this cost. The Jackson Institute seeks new fellowship support not only to relieve this burden on students, but also to keep Yale competitive with peer institutions where financial aid is also on the rise.

The establishment of an endowed fellowship to support Jackson Institute master’s degree candidates provides in perpetuity a critical source of funding to help Yale achieve these goals.

To learn more

Access Yale is a two-year, university-wide initiative in support of financial aid at Yale. The initiative seeks to build financial aid endowment across all of Yale’s schools, as well as raise current use funds that can go to work immediately to support financial aid for undergraduate and graduate students.

For more information about how you can help support Access Yale at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, please contact:

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$59,022
Annual Cost of Attendance (2014–2015)

$47,975
Average Debt per Student upon Graduation (2014)

The Jackson Institute competes with other institutions to attract the most promising students in the field of global affairs. Vital financial aid funding will ensure that the most talented students can choose Yale, regardless of their financial circumstances. A gift directed to graduate fellowships in the Jackson Institute can help sustain the excellence of the master’s program today and well into the future.