



Internship & Fellowship Participation Limits Guide

For Scholars Participating in TheDream.US-Funded Programs

This guide outlines Scholar participation (i.e. experience) limits for all TheDream.US-funded internship and fellowship programs. Our goal is to offer meaningful experiential learning opportunities while ensuring we can support as many Scholars as possible.

TheDream.US-Funded Program Name	Total Experience Maximum Per Calendar Year: Jan 1 – Dec 31	Total or Per Calendar Year? Jan 1 – Dec 31	Notes
TheDream.US Fellowship Program <i>Through participating Partner Colleges - see Fellowship Program PC Directory</i>	1	Per Calendar Year	Scholar can participate in 1 Fellowship through this program per calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31).
TheDream.US Internship Funding Program <i>Through participating Partner Colleges - see Internship Program PC Directory</i>	1	Per Calendar Year	Scholar can participate in 1 Internship through this program per calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31).
DreamBuilders Internship Program <i>Through host orgs and small businesses nationwide</i>	1	Per Calendar Year	Scholar can participate in 1 Internship through this program per calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31).
TheDream.US Internships <i>Interning at TheDream.US and/or NP</i>	1 Total	Total	A Scholar can intern at TheDream.US only once.

Disclaimer: All funding is subject to availability and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, view our [Inclusive Internships & Fellowships webpage](#).

Important Notes

- **Total Experience Limit:** Scholars can participate in 1 experience per program, per Calendar Year (January 1 – Dec 31).
 - **Example:** This means that, within a single Calendar Year, a Scholar could participate in all of the following: 1 fellowship through TheDream.US Fellowship Program, 1 internship through TheDream.US Internship Funding Program, 1 internship through the DreamBuilders Internship Program, and 1 TheDream.US Internship (if they never interned at TheDream.US prior).
 - Once the calendar year resets January 1, a Scholar becomes eligible again for the annual participation limits for each program - with the exception of TheDream.US internships, which are limited to 1 internship total.
 - **Note:** Regardless of Calendar Year or timeframe, Scholars can intern at TheDream.US only once.
- **Concurrent Experience Cap:** Scholars may participate in no more than 2 concurrent TheDream.US experiences at the same time. These experiences must be from different programs. For example, a Scholar can participate in 1 Internship Funding Program internship and 1 DreamBuilders Internship during the same semester.

- **Limits Apply only to TheDream.US-funded Programs:** External internships, fellowships, volunteer experiences, and other opportunities not funded by TheDream.US are not subject to these participation limits.

Examples

Below are a few examples for Scholars to better understand participation limits.

Example #1 - Participating in Multiple Programs:

Ana is a current TheDream.US Scholar at Nevada State University. In calendar year 2026 (January 1 - December 31), Ana participated in 1 DreamBuilders Internship and 1 fellowship during the spring semester. In the summer, Ana interned at TheDream.US. In the fall, Ana participated in 1 TheDream.US Internship Funding Program internship.

Once the new calendar year resets on January 1, 2027, Ana becomes eligible again for the annual participation limits for: TheDream.US Fellowship Program, TheDream.US Internship Funding Program, and the DreamBuilders Internship Program. Because she has already complete a TheDream.US internship (interning at TheDream.US), she is no longer eligible to intern at TheDream.US again.

Example #2 - New Scholar:

Kevin is a new TheDream.US Scholar who begins his first semester at Baruch College in fall 2026. Although he starts near the end of the calendar year, he is still eligible to participate in TheDream.US-funded programs.

Kevin decides to participate in 1 DreamBuilders Internship during fall 2026. After completing the internship, the calendar year resets January 1, 2027 - making him eligible again for the annual participation limits. In 2027, he can participate in another DreamBuilders Internship, as well as the other eligible TheDream.US-funded programs.

Example #3 - Graduating Senior:

Gabriela is a current TheDream.US Scholar at Arizona State University and will graduate in May 2027. In calendar year 2026, Gabriela participated in 1 TheDream.US Internship Funding Program internship over the summer and interned at TheDream.US in the fall semester.

When the calendar year resets on January 1, 2027, Gabriela becomes eligible again for the annual participation limits for all programs, except TheDream.US Internships, which are limited to one internship total. Because TheDream.US-funded internship and fellowship programs are only available to current Scholars, Gabriela is eligible to participate up until her graduation in May 2027. After graduating, she is no longer eligible for these programs. (In other words, she is eligible to participate in spring 2027 experiences but not summer or fall.)