2026 Priscilla Chan STRIDE Service Program Postgraduate Fellowship

Fellowship Description

The Priscilla Chan STRIDE Service Program Postgraduate Fellowships, formerly known as STRIDE Rite, are intended for Harvard college seniors or college seniors who are alumni participants of PBHA programs who were devoted to service as undergraduates, and who demonstrate a commitment to a lifetime of future service to and with community. The spirit of the award is to provide fellows with the opportunity to put their vision for social change into action. Each fellow is awarded *up to* $40,000. The grant money is intended to support the fellow's living expenses as they work on a public interest project full-time in the year following graduation. The money may not be used for project expenses, but fellows are encouraged to seek other project funding, if applicable.

The committee generally favors projects with the following characteristics:
- Entrepreneurial
- Community based
- Within the U.S. (ideally in a community with which the applicant has worked in the past)
- Builds on undergraduate service experience
- Potential for ongoing impact

The committee generally favors applicants with the following characteristics:
- Participated in year-round public service during their undergraduate career
- Built long-term relationships with one or more communities
- Plan to work in a human services profession long-term
- Passionate, energetic, effective leaders

The deadline for application for funding for 2026-2027 is Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM

The selection committee reviews applications immediately and will notify the finalists to appear for interviews in early April. Finalists will be required to come in for interviews. Grants of *up to* $40,000 will be awarded (budget and program plans are considered in the specific award amount).

Awardees will be notified in April 2026 after interviews. If selected, you will be invited to receive your award at an end-of-year awards reception at PBHA's Public Service Celebration in Quincy Dining Hall, with a Senior Reception on the Quincy rooftop immediately preceding dinner. Date and time TBD.

NOTE: All applicants must attend an information/advising session with PBHA Fellowship Administrators. The session will provide further information about the fellowship and help applicants to write effective proposals. Contact STRIDE@pbha.org to find out about information session dates. Advising takes place after attending an info session.

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Instructions

This page is for your use only and does not need to be submitted.

You must complete the application in full. Please read the entire application packet carefully and answer all questions fully, accurately and succinctly. A cover letter need not accompany your application. **Please upload all required items below to the online application as separate documents on pbha.org/stride.**

If you have any questions about the fellowship or the application, please contact STRIDE@pbha.org or lucy@pbha.org. **In order to be considered, you must attend an information/advising session prior to submitting your application. Your Intent to Apply/Letter of Intent (LOI) will not be considered if you have not attended an information session.**

Intent to Apply

Please complete an online form to indicate your intent to apply no later than **March 2nd, 2026 at 5pm**. This will begin the application process and send information and instructions to your recommenders– have at least 2 recommenders with contact info ready for this step to complete the letter of intent. You have the option to submit a third recommender if you would like, to speak to your public service experience.

Item	Description	Checklist
Completed application	Pages 1-5	
Partner Sponsorship Letter	Letter from your partner/ host organization on organizational letterhead. The letter should speak to support for your potential placement within or in partnership with a public service organization. The letter will be uploaded by the applicant.	
Personal Statement	A statement describing your motivation for the project and how it connects to your past work, vision of change, and future aspirations. (800 words)	
Proposal	A summary of your proposed project and the impact that you hope to make (800 words)	
Résumé	Your current résumé.	
Unofficial or Official Harvard transcript	Your transcript can be obtained from the Registrar's Office, 20 Garden Street or through your student records online. Please make sure the file is not encrypted/protected upon submission.	

Letters of Recommendation

In your Letter of Intent you will indicate your 2 or 3 references or recommenders, and they will be automatically emailed instructions for how to submit a letter of recommendation to your application file. It is recommended that you contact them about your candidacy and project proposal prior to completing the Letter of Intent.

Item	Description	Checklist
Service	One or two (second is optional) letters should comment on your relevant public service work and attest to your commitment to public service.	
Academic/House	One letter should be a recommendation from your undergraduate house affiliation or a faculty member.	

Grant Application

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PERSONAL INFORMATION – used to connect your application to your Letter of Intent	
College ID:	First: Last:

Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 are in the online Letter of Intent and Application found at www.pbha.org/stride.

6. PUBLIC SERVICE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list public service work (volunteer or paid) and extracurricular activities. We ask for this in addition to your resume in order to get a complete picture of your service background.

Freshman Year	Academic Year	Summer

Sophomore Year	Academic Year	Summer
Junior Year	Academic Year	Summer
Senior Year	Academic Year	Summer
Other		

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7. BUDGET

Provide the following information to the best of your ability. Note that project expenses should NOT be included in your budget. The fellowship grant is intended to support your living expenses. This Fellowship awards up to $40,000 to cover living expenses. If your project requires additional financial support, detail your plans for funding in your proposal.

EXPENSES	
Lodging	
Food	
Transportation	
Insurance (medical, etc.)	
Loan repayment (This must be the *minimum* amount you must repay.)	
Taxes (The grant award is taxable.)	
Other (itemize)	
Total Expenses	
INCOME	
Earnings	
Savings	
Family contributions	
Loans	
Other (itemize)	
Total income	
Grant Amount Requested	

8. PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please answer the following questions in a separate document. Please type and double-space your response and provide a word count in parentheses at the end of the response.

In a statement of 800 words or less, describe your plans for using this grant. Include details about any organization with which you will be affiliated and its purposes, location, clientele and services. What your project will entail (target population, activities, desired outcomes). Specify your role, responsibilities and the extent of contact with people served.

9. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please answer the following questions in a separate document. Please type and double-space your response and provide a word count in parentheses at the end of the response.

In a statement of 800 words or less, describe your reasons for seeking this funding. Please also answer the following: **Why did you choose this project? What experience prepared you for it? What drove you to propose it? What role does it have in your future plans?**

10. PARTNER SPONSORSHIP LETTER

All Chan Stride Post-graduate fellows must work with a host or sponsoring organization. The organization should be mission aligned. Sponsoring organizations may provide a range of supports. Minimum requirements for sponsorship include: providing supervision and guidance for the post-graduate fellow and helping the fellow to secure a location for their project.

Applicants must submit a letter of sponsorship from the partner organization. The letter should detail the organization's commitment to and capacity for supporting the proposed project. Additionally, the letter should describe how the proposed project meets an existing unmet community need. Letters should be on organizational letterhead.

Please note- fellowships will not be provided to cover staffing of existing positions. Projects should be mission aligned to the sponsoring organization and should extend organizational capacity/ meet an unmet need.

11. APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Required)

I affirm that the statements and information provided herein and in my supporting materials are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

This fellowship will be administered in two equal payments. To receive the second installment I will be required to submit a progress report and supervisor's letter. Additional requirements will be provided to me prior to the release of the first payment. Upon completion of the fellowship, I will be required to submit a work plan and final report. If selected, I understand that failure to fulfill ANY grant requirements may lead to termination of the grant award.

If selected, I realize that I am obligated to report any duplication of funding from other grants or scholarships and that my PBHA postgraduate grant may be reduced by the amount of duplication or retracted entirely.

Signature:	Date:

12. APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Required)

I authorize the Financial Aid Office of Harvard College to release information about my financial status to the PBHA Postgraduate Fellowship Selection Committee. I understand that this information will be treated confidentially except for the proposal's brief synopsis.

Signature:	Date:

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