The Brown Fellows Program was established by the James Graham Brown Foundation to build leadership capability and to invest in the intellectual capital of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Brown Fellows is an individualized development program that provides a diverse group of students the opportunity to build leadership skills through academic enrichment, expanded opportunity, and personal accountability.

The Brown Fellows Program strives to create a network of higher education opportunities that will challenge even the brightest and most intellectually curious minds. Our goal? To ensure that the intellectual and leadership journey of a Brown Fellow rivals the academic experience of anyone else in the world.

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The image above depicts the 2014 Class of Brown Fellows traversing a suspended bridge in the Sa Pa river valley as part of their nineteen-day leadership adventure in Vietnam and Cambodia.
Program Organization

The Brown Fellows Program is administered and governed by the James Graham Brown Foundation. Final decisions regarding all aspects of the Program are made by the Brown Fellows Advisory Committee, which is composed of Foundation board members and staff. The Advisory Committee is supported in its work by three subcommittees:

1. The Program Committee – Develops and/or recommends group activities, summer activities, campus activities, and the implementation of summer enrichment projects and international experiences.

2. The Selection Committee – Oversees the organization and refinement of the marketing and selection processes.

3. The Finance Committee – Makes recommendations concerning programmatic and institutional administration and support.

In addition to the Foundation board and staff members, these subcommittees include representatives of Centre College and the University of Louisville, who provide knowledge of these institutions as well as commitment to the improvement and evolution of the Brown Fellows Program.

Partnership with the Governor’s Scholars Program

In order to facilitate the implementation and growth of the Brown Fellows Program, the James Graham Brown Foundation secured the services of the Governor’s Scholars Program, a Kentucky organization with nearly thirty years of expertise recruiting, selecting, and programming for high caliber students. According to the terms of this agreement, which continues through calendar year 2010, the Governor’s Scholars Program has assumed responsibility for the recruitment of qualified applicants, the coordination of the selection committee and process, and the execution of a well-developed enrichment program. In addition, the Executive Director of the Governor’s Scholars Program, Dr. Aris Cedeño, served as the Administrative Director of the Brown Fellows Program.

Partnerships with Centre College and the University of Louisville

From the inception of the Brown Fellows Program, one of its defining elements has been its unique structure: it is one program on two campuses, one public and one private. The trustees of the James Graham Brown Foundation selected the University of Louisville and Centre College, respectively, to serve as the host institutions. Following the matriculation of the 2014 class, there are now twenty Brown Fellows on each campus.

Through the initial Memoranda of Understanding and ensuing supplemental clarifications of operating procedures, the Foundation has established its expectations of both UofL and Centre as Brown Fellows Program partner institutions. In addition to providing the majority of funding necessary to cover its Fellows’ full tuition expenses, as well as room and board and associated fees, each participating institution utilizes its faculty, staff, and administrators to achieve the stated goals of the Brown Fellows Program. Each institution has also appointed a Program Coordinator whose responsibilities include the following:

1. Serving as a liaison between the institution and the James Graham Brown Foundation regarding all matters related to

The 2014 Class of Brown Fellows

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University of Louisville
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University of Louisville
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

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Centre College
Ashland, Kentucky
the operation of the Brown Fellows Program.

2. Acting as an advocate and principal resource for each of the Brown Fellows to ensure their successful undergraduate experience.

3. Assuming primary responsibility for the campus’s efforts in support of the Brown Fellows Program.

On both campuses, the Program Coordinator is supported by one or more faculty and/or staff advisors, who work directly with each individual Fellow to support his/her course of study and intended summer enrichment experience. These advisors may also serve as project guides or research supervisors. Together with the Program Coordinator, the advisors will ensure that each Fellow has consistent and expert academic mentoring advice throughout the baccalaureate program, especially in the preparation of leadership program proposals and the pursuit of educational and/or professional goals.

Selection of the 2014 Fellows

Recruitment

In collaboration with Tandem Public Relations, the Program created a series of marketing tools, including a mallable brochure and an attention-grabbing 11” x 17” informational poster, to raise awareness and enthusiasm among potential applicants. Program staff distributed the brochures at recruitment events and provided them to the Centre and UofL offices of admission to share with qualified candidates. Every high school guidance counselor in the Commonwealth of Kentucky received a copy of the poster, as did specifically-targeted counselors outside of the state. Both documents prominently include the Program’s web address, www.brownfellows.org, and encourage students, parents, and school officials to visit the website for further information.

Selection at the University of Louisville

Over 265 students applied to be part of the 2014 class of Brown Fellows at the University of Louisville. Of those, thirty-two were ultimately selected for interviews. These students participated in a two-day interview process on March 26-27 at the Brown & Williamson Club of Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium in Louisville.

Selection at Centre College

At Centre, fifty finalists were chosen from a pool of 245 applicants seeking to participate in the Brown Fellows Program. Those fifty students engaged in a two-day interview process held on the Centre College campus on April 2-3, 2010.

Accepting the Fellowship

May 1st was the deadline for all twenty students invited to join the 2014 class of Brown Fellows to respond to the offer. In order to accept the Fellowship, students had to complete and return the Brown Fellows Program Letter of Acceptance and Terms of Agreement. Among other stipulations, this document required that students agree to participate in an undergraduate leadership project, take part in Brown Fellows Program activities both on- and off-campus, engage in summer enrichment experiences funded by the Program, and maintain the grades and course load required of all scholarship recipients at the College/University.
**Summer Enrichment**

**The Inaugural Class**

The summer enrichment experience is an opportunity for each Brown Fellow to engage in individual enrichment activities which may take the form of national or international research, leadership development, and/or civic engagement during the summers following his or her first, second, and third years of college. It is expected that the Enrichment Projects will provide each Brown Fellow with a national and international leadership perspective beyond the classroom setting and beyond what is normally provided for student enrichment.

The Brown Fellows Program provides up to $5,000 per student to fund the Summer Enrichment Project. In order to obtain this funding, each Fellow must submit an Enrichment Project Request for Funds, which includes a narrative detailing how the proposal meets the above criteria by addressing one or more of the following areas of concentration:

1. **Vision** – One project over three years. There is a stated vision for the project and over three summers the student works to realize that vision.

2. **Exploration** – A career goal from different perspectives over three years. Each summer the Brown Fellow explores different aspects of the goal.

3. **Partnership** – Continuation of a community effort, providing evidence of leadership and contribution.

4. **Academic/Research Leadership** – The goal is research expertise, and each summer is an opportunity to expand research or other leadership/intellectual skills.

During the academic year, each Fellow meets twice with the Administrative Director or a designated representative – once in the fall to report on development of the enrichment project and once in the spring to present the final version for approval.

For more information about the enrichment projects undertaken by the members of the Inaugural Class of Brown Fellows during the summer of 2010, please see the list of symposium presentations on pages 6-7.

**The 2014 Class**

**Recognition & Orientation**

On Friday, July 16th, all twenty 2014 Brown Fellows and their family members gathered at the Kentucky Derby Museum for their Recognition & Orientation. After a brief welcome by Dodie McKenzie on behalf of the JGBF staff, Foundation President Alex Rankin spoke about James Graham Brown’s life, his achievements, and his hopes for the Commonwealth. Dr. James Ramsey, President of the University of Louisville, and Dr. Richard Trolinger, Vice President of College Relations at Centre, both addressed the new Fellows, congratulating them on the many achievements that led to their selection as Fellows and challenging them to assume roles as leaders both on campus and in their communities. Foundation officials and institution representatives took part in a ceremony recognizing the Fellows, during which each student received a certificate welcoming him or her to the 2014 Class of Brown Fellows, a biography of James Graham Brown, and a copy of Vietnam: Rising Dragon by Bill Hayton. The Fellows were also given embroidered duffle bags and t-shirts for use during their trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.

Following the recognition luncheon, the Fellows and their
3. To expose the Brown Fellows to a number of activities and places, so that they begin brainstorming for future enrichment experiences and further developing their leadership potential.

The goals of the international trip were supported by a full itinerary that included seven cities and/or geographical areas of inter-

**Vietnam & Cambodia Trip Itinerary**

**August 4-6: Hanoi**
In Vietnam’s capital city, the Fellows began their immersion in Vietnamese culture and society – both ancient and modern – through on-site visits and hands-on activities. The group also visited the American Embassy and spent time in some of the small villages on the city’s outskirts.

**August 7-9: Sa Pa**
Together, the Fellows embarked on a two-day, twelve-mile trekking experience through the mountains of Northern Vietnam. During this time, they enjoyed beautiful scenes of terraced rice paddies and experienced different ethnic groups’ ways of living.

**August 10-11: Ha Long Bay**
The Fellows explored the Bay’s caves, enjoyed the beach, and swam and kayaked in the open water before spending the night on a private junk boat.

**August 12-13: Hue**
During their time in Vietnam’s former capital city, the Fellows developed a better appreciation of the richness of Vietnamese history, including its dynasties, colonizations, foreign invasions, and fight for independence. The group also visited a Buddhist monastery, where the Fellows took part in a traditional silent meal.

**August 14: Hoai An**
As they traveled through the Central Vietnam mountain range, the Fellows enjoyed breathtaking views of the scenery and opportunities to explore small beach towns.

**August 15: Ho Chi Minh City**
The Fellows’ tour introduced them to the crowded market, City Hall, and the downtown area with its strong French influence.

**August 16-17: Siem Reap, Cambodia**
The group toured the city by tuk-tuk and took a boat ride through the Tonle Sap Lak, where Fellows witnessed firsthand the extreme poverty that characterizes Cambodia’s floating villages.
After a challenging climb to the top of a mountain in north Vietnam, the Fellows stop for a group picture. 

Next in Vietnam and Cambodia, all local meals, visits to museums and temples, a meeting at the American Embassy in Vietnam, and exposure to several local leadership projects.

**Academic Year Programming**

**First Annual Symposium**

On Saturday, September 25, 2010, all forty Brown Fellows gathered together with Program administrators and Foundation representatives at the offices of Greenbaum, Doll & McDonald in Louisville for the First Annual Brown Fellows Symposium. The purpose of the Symposium was threefold:

1. To afford the Inaugural Fellows, who had recently completed their first individual enrichment projects, an opportunity to share their experiences and findings.

2. To assist the 2014 Fellows in identifying opportunities for their first individual enrichment projects by introducing them to the inaugural class’s undertakings and insights.

3. To renew the appreciation of the value of summer enrichment among all members of the Brown Fellows Program community, including the Fellows themselves as well as the administrators and Foundation staff, and to encourage them all to consider ways to enhance future summer enrichment experiences.

**The Inaugural Class of Brown Fellows: Symposium Presentations**

- **Naseem Ansari**
  University of Louisville
  Erlanger, Kentucky
  “Spain: Cultural Immersion through the Ages”

- **Jeremy Bozarth**
  University of Louisville
  Calhoun, Kentucky
  “Industrial Engineering and Operations Management: The Driving Force behind the Magic of Theme Parks”

- **Bethany Carson**
  Centre College
  Allen, Texas
  “Supporting Society’s Most Vulnerable: A Summer with Threads of Hope and the Children’s Advocacy Center”

- **Ty Carter**
  Centre College
  Lexington, Kentucky
  “The Habitat for Humanity Book Project”

- **Leah Dahline**
  University of Louisville
  Corydon, Indiana
  “Ecuador: Diversity in Education”

- **Joseph LaCasse**
  University of Louisville
  Madisonville, Kentucky
  “Public Outreach in Botswana”
  “Language Immersion in Argentina”

- **Cara Monical**
  Centre College
  Houston, Texas
  “Spain and the Importance of Knowing One’s Culture”

- **Jessica Nelson**
  University of Louisville
  Lexington, Kentucky
  “Greece: Tasting Words from the Sights”

- **Natalie Pope**
  Centre College
  Crestwood, Kentucky
  “A Journey of Academic Intrigue and Career Exploration”

- **Eric Riedinger**
  University of Louisville
  Edgewood, Kentucky
  “The Empowerment of Students in Botswana”
To this end, each member of the Inaugural Class of Brown Fellows prepared a fifteen-minute multimedia presentation about his or her unique summer enrichment experience to share during the Symposium. The presentations were scheduled throughout the entirety of the day, to give all members of the Brown Fellows Program community the opportunity to attend and participate in each one.

To enable them to share their own summer enrichment experiences and prepare for their future Symposium participation, the members of the 2014 class were also included in the day’s program. These twenty Fellows divided into four groups, each of which prepared a presentation regarding a different aspect of their shared experiences in Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Gustavo Dudamel and the Vienna Philharmonic**

In conjunction with the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, the Norton Center for the Arts hosted the Vienna Philharmonic in concert with Gustavo Dudamel, the internationally-acclaimed conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. As a result, Fellows from both campuses had the opportunity not only to attend a world-class performance, but also to interact with the musicians themselves.

*During a private picnic at Taylor Made Horse Farm, the Fellows interact with Gustavo Dudamel and the members of the Vienna Philharmonic.*

On Sunday, September 26th, all forty fellows attended a private picnic with Dudamel and the members of the Vienna Philharmonic at Taylor Made Horse Farm. There, the Fellows personally welcomed the performers to Kentucky. The following morning, all of the Fellows had the opportunity to attend the orchestra’s rehearsal to see the musicians and their conductor at work. Many of the Fellows also attended the performance itself at the Norton Center on the evening of Monday, September 27th.

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**Akash Gupta**
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

“Vocational Skill Training for At-Risk Youth in India”
“Cancer Prevention Research”

**Andrew Howard**
Centre College
Frankfort, Kentucky

“Berlin: A Summer Abroad”

**Erran Huber**
University of Louisville
Crestwood, Kentucky

“Remnants of Dream: Courage in the Heart of South Africa”

**Ibby Jadoon**
Centre College
Richmond, Kentucky

“Islamic Philosophy”
“HIV/TB Awareness in South Africa”

**Ishita Jain**
University of Louisville
New Albany, Indiana

“Biomechanics Conference in London and Singapore”

**Annie Roessler**
Centre College
Cincinnati, Ohio

“Prague 2010: A Summer away from Home”

**Kevin Sar**
Centre College
Louisville, Kentucky

“How I Went to London and Saw the World”

**Katie Smalley**
Centre College
Pegram, Tennessee

“Law and State Government Internship”

**Cole Steber**
Centre College
Danville, Kentucky

“The Tango around Buenos Aires”

**Rosslyn Steinmetz**
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

“Lessons from Panama: The Experience of Learning and Teaching in Panama”
**2010 Travels at a Glance**

*Where do the Brown Fellows come from?*

With the arrival of the 2014 class, the Brown Fellows now represent ten states. They include:

- Arkansas (2)  Missouri (1)
- Illinois (1)    North Carolina (2)
- Indiana (2)    Ohio (1)
- Iowa (1)       Tennessee (1)
- Kentucky (27)  Texas (2)

The Fellows from Kentucky hail from cities as large as Louisville and as small as Calhoun. They represent every region of the Commonwealth, from Ashland to Hopkinsville.

*Where did the Fellows go in 2010?*

As part of their enrichment activities, Brown Fellows visited sixteen countries during the summer of 2010. They included:

- Argentina       Greece       Turkey
- Botswana        India        United Kingdom
- Cambodia        Panama       United States
- Czech Republic  Singapore    Vietnam
- Ecuador         South Africa
- Germany         Spain