



# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

## Fellowship Program



### ***The Barton Institute's CiviCO Social Enterprise Fellowship:***

*An interdisciplinary program for DU graduate and professional students to get real-world experience addressing social and economic challenges*

- ✓ **Connect** with other students across disciplines
- ✓ **Learn and apply** career-ready skills to real world problems
- ✓ **Develop** your capacity for leadership
- ✓ **Earn** money to support your work

Throughout DU, students like you are seeking to connect with one another across disciplines, and to apply their skills and talents to problems in the real world. From engineering and marketing, to law and social work...you bring your unique lens to this work – and you recognize that no matter where your career takes you, you'll find ways to contribute to your community.

The **CiviCO Social Enterprise Fellowship** connects the passion of DU students with the enterprising spirit so vibrantly alive in the Metro Denver region.

### **What's the vision?**

The Barton Institute created the CiviCO Social Enterprise Fellowship to bring DU graduate students together across disciplines to take action on social and economic problems through social enterprise, with a focus on improving the lives of people facing challenges in Metro Denver communities.

### **How does it work?**

- **Cohort:** Twelve students are selected from programs across the University as the annual Fellowship cohort. Each Fellow earns a total of \$5,000 for a ten-hour work week during the academic year.
- **Content:** During the Fall quarter, Fellows take a seminar to learn about the field of social enterprise, gaining skills in problem-solving, design thinking, and impact measurement.
- **Context:** During the Winter and Spring quarters, Fellows work in teams through experiential field fellowships with social enterprises operated by businesses, nonprofits, and public entities tackling real-world problems.
- **Career:** Fellows participate in leadership skill development activities with their cohort and are matched with mentors in their chosen career field.
- **Capstone:** At the end of the Spring quarter, Fellows present a report on their field fellowship to an audience of DU and community leaders.

### **Types of possible field fellowships:**

The field fellowships are aligned with the specific interests and skills of the Fellows. Fellows play a major role in selecting their placements and are assigned to projects in cross-disciplinary teams of two or more. Some potential types of projects might include:

- Solving challenges in social enterprise growth and/or impact: Work for an organization or business on a structured scope of work to solve a problem or improve some aspect of business strategy. *Example*: In the Winter/Spring of 2019, an MSW student and an MBA student are helping a public agency develop social enterprises to support a residential addiction treatment program.
- Research project on a topic to advance social enterprise or impact investment. *Example*: This year, a student earning his Masters in GIS and an MBA student are working with an investment firm to map the connection between potential impact investments and the United Nations Sustainability Goals.

Does this sound exciting to you? Then keep reading to see if your background matches with the qualifications we seek.

### **Qualities sought in a Social Enterprise Fellow:**

- The ability to thrive in an interdisciplinary environment
- Demonstrated interest in multiple sectors (public, private, nonprofit) and their impact on social issues
- Curiosity
- Problem-solving
- Good communications skills
- Strong teamwork skills
- Connection to community activities
- Work experience (paid or volunteer)

The Cohort of Fellows selected will represent diverse attributes, including:

- Fields of study
- Skills, approaches, and mindsets
- Race, culture, and ethnicity
- Future interests

Please note: Fellowships are available to students in their second year of graduate study or later; students in five-year Bachelors/Masters programs are eligible to participate in their fifth year.

To apply, click [here](#) to fill out our on-line application.

### **Information Sessions (with free pizza lunch):**

**March 12th, 12 – 1 p.m.** Anderson Academic Common (AAC Room 290)

**March 21st, 12 – 1 p.m.** Ricketson Law Building (SCOL Room 290)

### **Applications due: April 7**

Interviews: April 19 and 22

Fellowship begins: week of September 9