Social Enterprise Fellowship:
*Graduate and professional students seeking interdisciplinary solutions to social and economic challenges*

- **Learn** about social enterprise, leadership, and innovative problem-solving
- **Apply** career-ready skills to real world problems
- **Connect** with other students across disciplines
- **Earn** a stipend to support your work

Throughout DU, students like you are seeking to apply your skills and talents to challenging problems in the real world. From engineering and marketing, to law and social work…you bring your unique lens to this meaningful work – and you recognize that no matter where your career takes you, you’ll find some way to contribute to your community and the world.

Colorado has become a hotbed of entrepreneurial energy around social challenges. Hundreds of non- and for-profit entities are testing new ways to address social needs through market-driven business strategies, customer-centric design, and data-driven problem-solving – and they seek motivated partners who can help them turn their visions into reality.

The Barton Institute’s **Social Enterprise Fellowship, a year-long program** sponsored this year by the **Quarterly Forum**, connects the passion of DU students with the enterprising spirit so vibrantly alive in our region.

**What’s the vision?**
The Social Enterprise Fellowship brings together an interdisciplinary group of DU graduate students to take action on social and economic challenges through social enterprise, with a focus on improving the lives of vulnerable people.

**How will it work?**
- In the Fall Quarter, Fellows spend their time together in a foundational weekly seminar to build a shared framework and context for social enterprise and impact investing, getting to know students from other disciplines and learning about social enterprise in Metro Denver.
- Fellows will learn about leadership and general consulting skill, while also serving as ambassadors for the Barton Institute on campus, helping with Institute events as their time allows.
- During the Winter and Spring Quarters, Fellows are assigned to experiential learning internships with social-purpose businesses, entrepreneurial nonprofits, impact investors, and other types of social enterprises tackling real-world problems.
- Fellows will be connected to and meet regularly with mentors who are experienced leaders in the world of social enterprise.
- Each Fellow in the cohort (up to 12 students per year) will earn a stipend of up to $5,000 ($16.40/hour for ten-hours/week) during the academic year.
- This co-curricular program enhances the graduate experience and expands the skills and networks of the Fellows.
Types of possible internships:
The internships will be tailored to the specific interests and skills of the Fellows selected. Possible internship types include:

- **Interdisciplinary project teams**: Work for an organization or business on a structured scope of work to solve a problem or improve some aspect of business strategy and create a specific deliverable. *Example*: A law student, a marketing student, and a social work student work with a community-based social enterprise to launch a new product line or design a social outcomes evaluation and tracking system.

- **Research project** with faculty and a community organization on a topic to advance social enterprise or impact investment. *Example*: An engineering student works with a local impact investing firm to examine how renewable energy is used and funded in Colorado.

- **Management Intern**: An internship that provides opportunity to work with senior managers and understand mission and financial performance challenges of a business or organization and provide value in improving their social enterprise. *Example*: An international studies student serves as a consultant for a microfinance organization, helping to expand their reach to a new customer base.

Does this sound like an interesting opportunity apply your graduate training to real world problems – and complement your academic field of study? 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

To apply, click on the link to fill out our on-line application.

[http://www.alumni.du.edu/2017bartoninstitutesocialenterpriseapplication](http://www.alumni.du.edu/2017bartoninstitutesocialenterpriseapplication)

**Applications due**: August 4th
**Interviews**: week of August 14th
**Fellowship begins**: week of September 11th

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