An Out of This World Experience…

**Why and how did the GO! Fellowship get started?**

Begun in 2008, the GO! Fellowship is funded by the Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation, to create a new generation of servant leaders. Students selected annually as GO! Fellows will receive a fellowship that will support their volunteer project and/or participation in an internship fostering engagement with community development issues while providing a meaningful appreciation of both the possibilities and the obstacles in leading effective change in these areas.

**Where do the GO! Fellows serve?**

Since 2008 GO! Fellows have served 48 different organizations in 41 different countries.

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**How many GO! Fellows are there?**

Each year 10-15 freshmen, sophomores, or juniors are selected for GO! Fellowships. To date we have had 126 Fellows.

**What kind of things have GO! Fellows done?**

- Taught English, French, science, reading, and social studies
- Worked in malaria clinics, general clinics, special eye clinics, and hospitals
- Served alongside missionaries as well as local NGOs

**Worked with children in orphanages, prisons, special needs camps, and refugee centers**

- Worked with the elderly
- Helped plant gardens, build stoves, build tooth brushing/hand washing stations, and construct affordable housing
- Worked in public health including HIV/AIDS outreach and health/immunization education
- Worked in community development including microfinance and grant writing

**How much is the GO! Fellowship Award?**

The awards are generally $4,000 or under. Fellows have received an average award of about $3,400. The funds are meant to cover program costs, airfare, visa costs, room and board, and some supplies. They go for an average of 5.1 weeks.

...For Students Who “GO!” the Distance.
What are GO! Fellows doing after they graduate?

- Teach For America
- VISTA/AmeriCorps volunteers
- Graduate School – Chemistry, Social Work, Public Health, Public Policy, & more
- Bio-medical Research
- Inner-city mission work
- Fulbright teaching English in South Korea, Croatia, & Indonesia
- Law school
- Medical school
- Dental school
- Podiatry school

What are the biggest benefits of the GO! Fellowship?

- Adapting to new cultures, foods, and people
- Discovering and affirming their commitment to service in the world
- Gaining a better understanding of our global community and their place in it
- Having their lives enriched and changed by the experience
- Communities benefit from their work and leadership
- Development of leadership skills and inspiration of others

About Austin College

Austin College has earned a reputation for excellence in academic preparation, international study, pre-professional foundations, leadership development, committed faculty, and hands-on, adventurous learning opportunities. One of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope’s influential book *Colleges That Change Lives*, Austin College boasts a welcoming community that embraces diversity and individuality, with more than 37 percent of students representing ethnic minorities. A residential student body of 1,275 students and a faculty of more than 100 allow a 13:1 student-faculty ratio and personalized attention. The College is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and cultivates an inclusive atmosphere that supports students’ faith journeys regardless of religious tradition. Founded in 1849, the College is the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original name and charter.

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