OVERVIEW
The Duke Program in American Grand Strategy will fund a limited number of stipends to support internships and distinctive research experiences in summer 2024. Stipends will be granted to students whose summer projects relate to Grand Strategy and to themes of the American Grand Strategy Program. Priority will be given to students who do not have access to other departments or programs’ funds. While monetary amounts may vary, we do not expect to award more than $2,000 per student except in unusual circumstances.

The AGS Summer Fellows Program is designed to encourage undergraduate students who have demonstrated leadership and academic achievement to pursue a creative summer work plan related to the mission of the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy. American Grand Strategy is the collection of plans and policies by which the leadership of the United States mobilizes and deploys the country’s resources and capabilities, both military and non-military, to achieve its national long-term goals in light of global tensions, threats, and opportunities. When applying to this summer fellowships, applicants should explain how the internship or summer project in question will enhance their understanding of American Grand Strategy in theory or in practice.

Students can apply for funding to do “traditional” internships at think-tanks, governmental offices, or business, or they can design their own creative summer project. Remote internships are eligible for funding.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Students must be Duke undergraduates with at least one semester remaining before completion of his or her undergraduate degree. Active participation in the American Grand Strategy Program is a plus, but not required. We will grant awards according to the following criteria: (1) intellectual merit of the proposed activity and its connection to American grand strategy; qualifications and achievements of the applicant; (2) committee’s estimation of the applicant’s prospects for successfully executing the proposal; (3) creativity and originality of the proposal; and (4) prospects for follow-on benefit to the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy. We will only provide funding for paid internships if the student has demonstrated the need by identifying direct costs not covered by the internship itself. AGS Fellows previously granted funding are eligible for funding, but preference will be given to new applicants of equal caliber.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Send all application materials electronically to Khuwailah “KB” Beyah (agsp@duke.edu). A committee of faculty and staff affiliated with the AGS Program will review the applications and select the winners. Dr. Peter Feaver will chair the committee. The committee will review all applications on a rolling basis during February with the hope of awarding stipends by mid-March.
In the event that a student has not yet been accepted to an internship program, he or she should describe the program in detail and provide the name and contact information of an individual at the institution in question. Students must also keep the committee fully informed of any and all developments in the status of their application.

Students must provide a final proposal and budget for a self-designed project or a letter of invitation from an internship program in order to receive the funds.

Applications must be complete upon submission.
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
1. Personal Statement (1 page)
2. Resume/CV (include GPA)
3. Proposed Internship/s
   a. If the proposal involves a formal internship, the applicant should provide the current status of your application in addition to the name and contact information for your point of contact at the organization.
   b. The description should include a detailed analysis of how the summer program relates to the themes of the American Grand Strategy Program as well as to your own professional development.
4. Proposed Budget to include housing, food and transportation. Please include any monetary compensation you will receive from the internship provider.
5. Name and contact information for one (1) faculty endorser. No letter of recommendation is necessary. The committee will contact the faculty members if necessary.

DELIVERABLES
Summer fellows are required to write a weekly Instagram Post (IG) of their internship experience which AGS can use to highlight the work of current fellows and to raise awareness of the Lehrman Summer Fellows Program. IG posts will be added to the AGS Summer Fellows Page on a rolling basis. The first IG posts are due within 10 days of your internship start date.

At the end of the summer, awardees must write a brief reflection on their work and the value they gained from the experience. The committee may also ask awardees to report on their work to the rest of the AGS community.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Khuwailah “KB” Beyah (agsp@duke.edu or beyahk@duke.edu)