

Parkin Fellowship Application Form

Please submit your completed application via email to School Head Trixie Sabundayo no later than Friday, January 12, 2024.

Please be sure to include your name and contact information at the top of each page.

Part I: Short Answer Questions

1. In a few sentences, please briefly describe the service or environmental project you would undertake if granted a Parkin Fellowship. In this description, please be specific about the amount of time you would spend doing community outreach or environmental work (as opposed to sightseeing and traveling).
2. Please provide a detailed budget breakdown of the costs of the project you would like to undertake (airfare, meals, transportation, program fees, supplies, visas, immunizations, etc.)
3. Will your Parkin be organized independently by you or will you participate in a program facilitated by an outside organization (eg., Projects Abroad, Where There Be Dragons, Putney Student Travel). If participating in an established program, please provide a link to the website of the organization, and if possible, the specific trip in which you are hoping to participate.
4. Does your proposed Parkin project involve you traveling (for any portion of the trip) with a parent/guardian or another known adult or will you be traveling independently?
5. Briefly, please describe the extent of your prior travel experience beyond the United States.
6. Please provide any additional information of which you believe the Parkin Fellowship Selection Committee should be aware.

Part II: Essay: In 500 words or less please respond to ONE of the following prompts.

1. The mission of Shady Side Academy is to challenge students to think expansively, act ethically, and lead responsibly. The mission of this

fellowship is rooted in providing students with unique learning opportunities they normally would not have. Given our mission as an Academy and the mission of the Parkin Fellowship Program, please reflect on how your project aligns with both missions and how your Parkin experience might contribute to your own personal growth and that of the SSA community as a whole?

2. Considering the potentially problematic nature of community outreach and the potential for cultural misunderstanding, please address how you plan to approach your community outreach project with cultural sensitivity and humility. Additionally, please reflect on any potential challenges or ethical considerations related to community outreach work that you anticipate and be specific in the strategies you will implement to demonstrate your commitment to fostering positive relationships.