Balyasny-Backed ATLAS Fellows Opens Applications for 2022 Summer Cohort

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ATLAS Fellows, a non-profit seeking to transform the finance sector by opening doors for brilliant and under-resourced young people by providing access to life-changing careers, today announced applications are open for the second year of its career development program. The organization is prepared to build upon the success of its inaugural 2021 student cohort, which hosted 17 students, with spots for 25 fellows within the 2022 cohort. Applications are open to high school seniors in the United States with high academic ability, excellent leadership skills, and intellectual curiosity that have a serious interest in a career in the financial industry; students within the 2021 cohort attend Universities including Brown University, Cornell University, Wesleyan University, University of Chicago, Howard University, University of Michigan, Ross School of Business, University of Southern California, and DePaul University.

Founded in 2021 with support from Balyasny Asset Management, a multi-strategy global investment firm, ATLAS seeks to build a new generation of leaders across the financial sector by enabling talented, young individuals to unleash their full potential. ATLAS is spearheaded by Executive Director Phoebe Anderson, a seasoned leader and former middle school teacher with over two decades of experience working at local and national nonprofit organizations, including National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA), Communities in Schools (CIS) of Chicago, and Chicago Public Schools.

"ATLAS is working to open doors for brilliant minds by providing access to the professional resources and mentorship required as these students transition into a critical period of career discovery and development," said Anderson. "We are pleased to kick off our second year of ATLAS by further expanding our program to a new class of Fellows poised for success and broadening the demographic of professionals in finance in the years ahead."

Through its programming, ATLAS seeks to address the four main barriers to a successful college, post-college, and career readiness journey by specifically concentrating on financial support, real-world experiences, professional guidance, and community. The program accepts students located throughout Chicago, New York City and Teton County, Wyoming.

"The finance industry is currently missing out on some of our country's brightest young minds who have strong ambition, talent, and work ethic, but simply little to no access to opportunities in the industry," commented Dmitry Balyasny, Co-Founder, Managing Partner and the Chief Investment Officer of Balyasny Asset Management. "At BAM, we believe that bringing together intellectually-curious and driven individuals from all backgrounds is core to innovation and success. It is for these reasons that we are pleased to support ATLAS and look forward to partnering with the incoming 2022 Fellows to help them reach their full potential and be an asset to the firm."

Throughout college and beyond, ATLAS supports fellows on their career development journey with access to scholarships, internships, mentorships and membership to the ATLAS community.

Applications remain open until March 11, 2022, deadline. For more information, please visit: <u>https://atlasfellows.org/</u>.

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