



## Hodding Carter III Public Service Fellowship

The Hodding Carter III Public Service Fellowship was established in 2015 in honor of Hodding Carter III, who served as University Professor of Leadership and Public Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Fellowship supports opportunities for rising seniors who are UNC undergraduate public policy majors to engage in public service opportunities in our communities, the American South, the nation, and around the globe during the summer of 2024. In 2024, the Fellowship comes with a stipend of \$4,500.

The Hodding Carter III Public Service Fellow Selection Committee will seek letters of interest from interested applicants. The deadline for submission is **March 20, 2024**. Interested students should send the following information as a zip file to the Committee (c/o UNC Public Policy Student Services Officer Meredith Albright, [merealb@unc.edu](mailto:merealb@unc.edu)):

- A letter of interest from the student nominee with a brief (no more than 500-word) description of the nominee's achievements, commitment to and plans for a summer public service;
- Unofficial transcript;
- Resume;
- A letter of support from a faculty member, internship supervisor, or other professional policy mentor;
- Other relevant information supporting the selection of the candidate.

**Hodding Carter III** (1935–2023) was president and CEO of the Knight Foundation from February 1998 until July 2005. Under his leadership, the Knight Foundation made \$15 million in grants to further freedom-of-information projects and initiatives. The Foundation funded Sunshine Week, an annual effort sponsored by journalism advocacy and civil society organizations to promote values of open government, freedom of information, and public participation.

Carter held the Knight Chair in Journalism at the University of Maryland College of Journalism, and from 1965-66 he was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard. He worked on two presidential campaigns – for Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter. In January 1977, Carter became spokesman of the Department of State and Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, serving until 1980. Carter's wife, Patricia Murphy Derian, was a civil and human rights activist, who served as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs from 1977 to 1981.

Carter went on to a national career in the media as television commentator and newspaper correspondent on public affairs, working with ABC, NBC, CNN, PBS, BBC, and The New York Times, among other leading media, and in the process earned four national Emmy Awards and

the Edward R. Murrow Award for his documentaries. Carter received The Giduz Award for Public Service from the Harvard Club of the Research Triangle – “presented annually to an outstanding citizen who is committed to public service in our community, country and the world.”

Carter’s father was a newspaper publisher and editor in the South, whose editorials on racial and religious tolerance for the family-owned Greenville, Mississippi *Delta Democrat-Times* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1946. Born in New Orleans and raised in Greenville, Hodding Carter III graduated summa cum laude in with a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University. After serving in the military, he returned to Greenville and spent nearly 18 years as reporter/editorial writer, managing editor, and editor and associate publisher of the *Delta Democrat-Times*.