

Alexis Reed

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“I see myself as a change maker to push the needle toward racial justice and equity.”

Alexis studied abroad as a Gilman Scholar during the summer of 2017 at Doshisha University in Japan. Her time in Japan opened her eyes to the global power and influence of the United States and influenced her awareness of waste. Additionally, Alexis’s perception of her identity was impacted by her experience in Japan. There, for the first time, she felt like an American, rather than a Black person who lives in the United States. Upon return from her program, Alexis ultimately changed her major to interdisciplinary studies with a focus in anthropology, sociology, and political science.

Alexis now works as an outreach strategist and campaign manager for Rebuilding Our Village NOLA, a youth-focused policy platform and campaign developed by the New Orleans Youth Alliance (NOYA). She is also a board member at NOYA, which addresses the toxic stress and systemic barriers affecting Black youth’s health development and financial stability. Additionally, Alexis works as an administrative program coordinator at Tulane University’s Office of Study Abroad and is in the early stages of creating and leading a Tulane #StudyAbroadSoBlack social media campaign to launch during International Week. The goal of this campaign is to increase visibility of Black students abroad and encourage more Black students to study abroad.

- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Anthropology, and Political Science from the University of New Orleans
- Administrative Program Coordinator at Tulane University’s Office of Study Abroad
- Serving as a 2022 Diverse International Women of Color Scholarship Reviewer

