FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***How much is the internship grant award?***

Grantees will receive an internship grant award of $3,000 to cover living expenses while working at a summer internship.

***How much time will it take for decisions on the grant applications?***

The application deadline is Friday, March 14th, and awards will be announced two weeks later on Friday, March 28th. Please complete all materials and application requirements upon submission.

***How will we hear about the decision?***You will hear via e-mail.

***Can I fill out the application if I do not officially have the internship yet?***You can only apply for a summer internship grant for a specific internship position that you have confirmed, for both the Self-Secured and Putnam County Community internships.  You will forfeit your grant and may be prohibited from applying for another internship grant in future cycles if you are awarded a grant but did not have the internship position secured as of the application date.  Likewise, if you get a grant and then change your internship, you will forfeit your grant.

***If I have two internships should I write about both of them or just one?***You can apply for funding for both internships or for just one.  Please complete a separate application for each internship.  Awarding a student a grant for two internships is a very rare occurrence.

***Can I get a grant if I am interning with a professor?***Yes, but only if you are interning with a professor who is working for an outside organization. You cannot get a grant for conducting research for a DePauw professor working for DePauw.

***Can I get a grant more than once?***It is possible, but previous grantees are given lower priority.  We try to give as many students as possible the opportunity to receive funding for an unpaid internship.

***What are the most common reasons why an applicant does not get funded?***Applications that are not well thought-out and that do not make the connection between the internship and the student’s career development will not be looked upon favorably.  We also want to see that a grant applicant will gain meaningful exposure to a career field of interest through the internship position.  Typos, poor grammar and a sloppy résumé will also hurt an otherwise excellent application.  Applicants are encouraged to visit the Hubbard Center Career Office to have their résumés and applications critiqued prior to submitting their application materials.

***I am a first-year student.  May I apply for an internship grant?***Yes, for the summer; however, keep in mind that once you receive funding it is difficult to get funded a second time.

***I am an international student.  May I apply for an internship grant?***Most international students should be eligible for the internship grant program but it depends on each student’s own circumstances and visa arrangements.  If you are in doubt, you should check with Loutfi or Aliza in the Multicultural Office.

***My internship sponsor is providing some compensation for my internship.  May I apply for an internship grant?***In most cases, we will deduct any compensation/stipend received from an employer from the total grant award.  For example, if your employer will be providing you with a $200 travel stipend for the semester, we will deduct $200 from your total grant award.  We will contact all internship host organizations to verify the amount of any compensation or stipend provided to grantees.

***I am doing an internship through an organization that I have paid to place me in a position.  May I apply for an internship grant?***Yes, you can apply for a summer internship grant to help support program fees associated with an internship placement organization. Please visit the Hubbard Center for Student Engagement to discuss what programs qualify.

***I am interning for an organization that is owned or run by my immediate family.  May I apply for an internship grant?***No.  The program will not provide grants to students interning at organizations owned or run by their immediate family members.  A grantee’s internship supervisor also may not be a family member.