



College of Arts & Sciences Internship Program

Summer Scholarship Report 2024

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The College of Arts & Sciences Internship Scholarship Program was comprised this year of several named funds, a general gift fund, department funds, and two endowments. This combined allowed us to distribute \$164,097 to CAS students pursuing unpaid or underpaid internships!

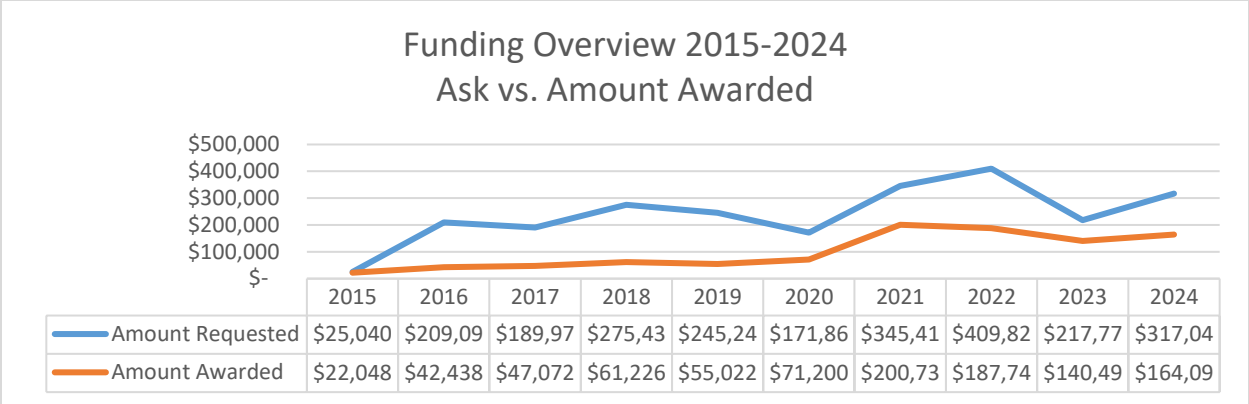
This year, a total of 155 students applied for summer internship CAS funding. Of those 155, 98 had qualifying unpaid or under-paid internships and were considered for awards.

2024 Totals:

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Program Lifetime (2015-2024) Totals:

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The Application & Selection Process:

Students applied for funding through [CAS’s centralized Internship Scholarship Application](#) in order to ensure that they were considered for all funds available. The primary criteria for selection was whether or not their summer internship could be considered "high impact." CAS and the selection committee have broken down the concept of "high impact" to mean "this student + this time + this opportunity."

Applicants were asked to:

- explain their previous experience and future goals in relationship to their summer internship.
- explain why pursuing this internship at this time in their academic career will make a difference to their trajectory or help them meet their goals.
- explain why this internship will be a quality experience (i.e. tell us about responsibilities, learning goals, and mentorship opportunities within the organization in question).

Financial need was also a factor in the committee’s decision-making process and was primarily determined by the students’ planned budget versus their planned income.

The per-student cap this year was \$4,000 + \$100 (to cover the cost of SINT credit¹) unless the donor approved a higher award.

Individual Fund Summaries:

College of Arts & Sciences Gift Funds:

¹ Student Financial Services operates under rules from the Department of Education that require students to be enrolled during the semester they receive funding. The SINT internship credit is a \$100, 1-credit course that is crosslisted with CAS 2991. While this credit does not count for the students toward graduation, it allows them to be enrolled during the summer semester and therefore makes them eligible to receive their internship funding. The cost of this required credit is covered by the University to make the scholarship process more equitable for students across income levels and demographics.

Meredith Bluhm-Wolf Internship Fund: \$50,000

The Meredith Bluhm-Wolf Internship Fund was created to support College of Arts & Sciences students who exhibit financial need and pursue internships.

Seder-Rosen Family Arts and Sciences Internship Fund: \$40,000

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Guzak Endowed College of Arts & Sciences Internship Fund: \$14,693

The Guzak Endowed College of Arts & Sciences Internship fund aims to provide cost of living funding to students in CAS pursuing unpaid or underpaid internships.

CAS Internship Fund: \$10,000

The CAS Internship Fund is a general gift fund to which many generous donors contribute. These funds are to be awarded to CAS students to help them pay for their living expenses while pursuing an unpaid or underpaid internship.

CAS Arts Internship Fund: \$7,125

This fund was created to support CAS students of any major pursuing arts-related internships in various fields (dance, theatre, visual arts, etc.)

Laibson Summer Internship Endowment: \$3,771

The Laibson family provided a generous endowment to continue to support students working at unpaid internships in the field of food justice, social justice, or non-profits.

English Department - James Buckham and Mary Brigham Buckham Fund: \$20,000

To support English or Film & Television Studies majors in unpaid or underpaid internships.

Geography Department – Glass Fund: \$7,125

To support Geography majors pursuing unpaid or underpaid internships.

Political Science Department: \$5,100

To support Political Science majors and pre-law students in their pursuit of unpaid or underpaid internships.

Art & Art History Department: \$2,500

The Department of Art & Art History provided \$2,000 for majors/minors pursuing arts-related internships.

Economics Department: \$1,500

The Economics Department supports students interning in economics-related internships.

Critical Race & Ethnic Studies Program: \$1,500

This fund was created to support CRES minors completing related internships.

History Department: \$520

This funding is available to History majors working at history-related internships.

Awardee Demographics

The amount requested per student interns has increased again year over year. This year, 47% of awardees received the maximum award of \$4,000 or above. Political Science took the top spot in awardee majors again this year.

