

# College of Arts & Sciences Internship Fund

The **College of Arts & Sciences Internship Fund** was created in 2015 to provide funding to students pursuing unpaid or underpaid summer internships. This funding allows students to participate in educational internship opportunities in their chosen fields rather than accepting summer jobs and helps create equity among students with diverse income levels.

## 2015–2022 CAS Internship Award Totals:

Number of awardees: 293	Amount awarded: \$687,482
Number of applicants: 673	Amount requested: \$1,871,872

**37%**  
of need met

**In summer 2022...**

**\$187,746** was awarded to **83** students

## Application & Selection Process:

Students apply for funding via UVM's central internship scholarship process to ensure that they are considered for the maximum amount of funding available. Each student submits a budget sheet detailing their summer expenses, a description of their internship, and responses to several short answer questions about their future goals. The selection committee is comprised of College and Career Center employees.

**We need YOUR HELP to support our students who would not normally have the ability to accept an unpaid internship.**

## Student impact:

*"The Milk with Dignity Standards Council (MDSC) is a Vermont-based human rights advocacy organization for migrants working on dairy farms. As an intern for MDSC, I will have the opportunity to learn about the treatment of migrants in the Vermont dairy industry and I will complete fieldwork heavily consisting of interviews with migrants and writing research reports."*

**- Alex Amsden, B.A. Global Studies & French**



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**Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are increasingly interested in integrating internships into their college experience, both as part of their intellectual development, and as preparation for the job market.** Funding for internships is critical to helping ALL students achieve this essential high-impact learning experience.

Internships have been shown to develop transferable skills and promote life-long learning. The College is committed to helping students of all majors participate through programs that are designed to meet them at their current level of development.

## **Our programs:**

### **Communities of Practice**

Students work in teams to build their skills in research, writing, communications and advocacy. Since summer 2019, groups of undergraduate students have been working under the mentorship of news editors, town planners, legislators and more, getting a taste of a professional setting. Interning under this model is ideal for students who are taking a first step into work-based learning, or who want to work with multiple community partners and professionals. To date, 574 students have participated.

### **Independent Internships**

Many students choose to pursue an internship outside of UVM while earning credit toward their degree. The College's internship coordinators help students find, apply to, and land these external opportunities and then help the students arrange credit. Many students pursue this option in the summer months and apply for the College of Arts & Sciences Internship Scholarship to help them with their living expenses.

### **Semester-Away Programs**

Students spend a full semester living and interning in New York, Boston or Washington, D.C. while earning a full semester of UVM credit. Students work for approximately four full days a week and complete one academic course. This gives students a taste of professional life while still allowing them to make valuable connections back to their academics. Open to all majors and interest areas, sophomore year and up.

### **Internships with CAS community partners**

The College partners with several organizations to provide funded internships to students who are farther along in their professional journey and ready for an in-depth experience. Sites include: Vermont Public, The Fleming Museum, The Burlington Free Press, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (D.C.), and Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (various U.S. locations).

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