

The 2016 Carleton Social Justice Internships

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About the Program

Carleton’s Social Justice Internship Program was established in 2007 to provide financial support to students pursuing unpaid or low-paying summer internships or training programs in not-for profit or other organizations promoting social justice in the United States. Examples of qualifying internships/training programs include work in human rights, community or union organizing, environmental or social activism, conflict resolution, or community development. The program is administered by the Chaplain’s Office. Approximately fifteen grants, up to \$4000 each, are awarded competitively by a selection committee. Students from all class years are eligible, including graduating seniors. Summer reflection blogs and a short written report after the internship are required, and for those on campus in the fall, there will be a “bring back” reflection poster session and dinner.

How to Apply

Two paths to finding an internship:

A. Several **community partner** organizations have a proven record of offering meaningful internships. A **developing list of opportunities** will be posted in the Tunnel and at http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/chaplain/Carleton_Social_Justice_Internships/. **Applications are due by 11:59pm on March 15, 2016.** (Current seniors should be in touch with the Chaplain; First Years, Sophomores, and Juniors should apply through the Career Center site below.) **The selected intern(s) will then apply for funding by 11:59pm on April 6th.**

B. **Find your own internship** through a group that interests you. For help in how to approach organizations about an internship, please contact the Chaplain’s Office, the Career Center, or the Center for Community and Civic Engagement.

1. **Secure a written agreement from an organization** documenting its commitment to host you in a summer internship. This can take some time—start early!

2. **Apply by 11:59pm on April 6, 2016** for Carleton Social Justice Internship funding.

a. **For current First Years, Sophomores, and Juniors:** apply through the Career Center’s site at: (<https://apps.carleton.edu/career/students/internships/Fund/>).

b. **For current seniors:** submit a **written copy of your proposal to the Chaplain’s Office.** Your proposal must include:

1. a **cover letter** explaining your interest in this particular work, what you will actually be doing during your internship, and how this might fit with your long term goals;

2. **your resume** that includes your previous service experience, involvement in social or environmental justice issues, and your language skills, if relevant;

3. the **written commitment from your sponsoring organization**
4. a **budget worksheet available on the Chapel's SJI site**
5. **contact information for two references.**

Evaluation Criteria

In evaluating proposals, the Social Justice Internship selection committee looks at both the proposed internship and at the student, and asks the following questions:

1. Will the internship involve the student in meaningful work?
2. To what extent will the sponsoring organization support the student's learning?
3. How does the work of the organization and/or the work of the internship fit with the student's vocation or career goals for the future?
4. Has the student made the case for his or her genuine interest in the arena of the internship?
5. Is the internship concerned with social justice (structural change) or social service work? If the latter, has the student made the case for how this is tied to social justice work?
6. Is the application presented in a thoughtful and thorough way?

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