

Gundaker/Summers Enrichment Fund Grants

Susquehanna University is pleased to offer funding for student enrichment opportunities during the summer through two donor-sponsored funds. The Gundaker Enrichment Fund was established in 2004 by Robert G. Gundaker, Class of 1964 and his wife Isabelle. The Summers Enrichment Fund was also established in 2004 by James W. Summers, Class of 1964 and his wife Barbara Evans Summers, class of 1965. These funds encourage opportunities for students by providing supplemental support for internships or significant volunteer activities, particularly when such experiences are unpaid or incur significant expense. Awards from the fund are intended to provide a range of experiential learning opportunities for students. Examples may include:

- A volunteer leadership or service learning experience
- A non-paying internship position
- A paid internship in a location that's far from home, such that support would help to underwrite a student's transportation and/or living expenses
- An off-campus research assignment, especially if unpaid or of significant expense.

While these funds are intended to support internships and volunteer activities, such experiences may fulfill the Central Curriculum GO requirement if they meet those requirements. If so, students may be eligible for additional support beyond the Gundaker/Summers funds.

Students should apply directly for this funding. It is anticipated that awards to students will range from \$500 - \$3,000. Please note that graduating seniors (class of '12) are not eligible to apply. Proposals are due in the Provost's Office by March 18, 2012.

Proposals should include:

- A cover page which includes your name and contact information. This cover page should clearly indicate if you intend to use this experience to meet your GO requirement.
- A current resume
- A two page narrative that describes the project and how it fits into the student's educational program and goals
- A complete detailed budget statement (separate page)
 - Support can be requested for costs associated with the experience directly (e.g., travel, lodging, etc.) and/or for replacement of summer income that will be lost to pursue the other opportunity.
 - Income replacement is limited to the time period of the alternative summer experience and usually is calculated at minimum wage rates.
 - Please show mileage calculation if requesting driving costs. Awards may be given for estimated cost of travel, not full per mile reimbursement.
 - Awards are not usually made in support of "normal" expenses not directly associated with the summer experience unless deemed to be of significant cost (e.g., cell phone, lunch costs, clothing).
- 2 letters of recommendation to be delivered to the Provost's office, 514 University Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA (2nd floor, Selinsgrove Hall); fax # 570-372-4040:
 - One letter from an SU faculty member.
 - One letter from off-campus site that confirms a willingness to provide a placement for the student (this letter must be present before funding is distributed in the summer).

Students who receive funding are expected to write a final report following the completion of their project.

For further questions, contact your advisor, or Deans Terry Winegar, Alicia Jackson, Valerie Martin, or Phil Winger.