Frequently Asked Questions for Internships

1. How do I find an internship?
   Finding an internship can feel like a daunting prospect, but the College has services and resources available to all students. Students are encouraged to explore how to pursue an internship related to their academic experiences and professional goals. Meetings can be set up with Career Center staff members or Peer Career Advisors (PCAs) to revise resumes, conduct career planning, and plan an internship search. The Career Center also manages a database of internships through Quest and ASIP which students can apply for online.

2. What qualifies for funding?
   In order to qualify, a student must be offered an internship before submitting the application for funding. Internships with nonprofit organizations, government, education organizations, and arts and communications are eligible for funding. Generally speaking, internships with for-profit organizations or directly conducting research do not qualify for summer funding. There is also very limited funding available for internships outside of the above-mentioned priority areas. All applications for funding will be considered and funding will be awarded based on the strength of the application and the availability of funds. If there is any uncertainty regarding the eligibility of a particular internship, an appointment can be made to discuss the matter with a professional staff member.

3. How do I apply for funding?
   The Center for Community Engagement and Career Center collaborate to provide one portal for internship funding applications. Students should be involved in the process of looking for and applying to internships in January and February. The deadline to apply for funding for an internship is April 1, 2016. Reminder: in order to apply for funding a student must have an internship offer. The application will be available March 1st. More information on applying for internship funding can be found at: [https://www.amherst.edu/mm/223915](https://www.amherst.edu/mm/223915)

4. What’s new with internships this year?
   The funded internship process has been streamlined to provide more equitable access to funding for more students. Internships formerly offered through PVCS are available through the Career Center’s Quest portal. Students can continue to apply to all of the internships that have been available in the past. Students interning locally who wish to live on-campus can obtain housing through Residential Life. Visit their website for more information ([https://www.amherst.edu/campuslife/housing-dining/residential-life/housing](https://www.amherst.edu/campuslife/housing-dining/residential-life/housing)) Programming during the summer months will be provided by multiple departments on campus and will be open to all students.

5. How much funding is available?
   A set stipend amount is available through the generous support of alumni of the College.
   - Students completing internships in the United States will receive up to a $3,500 stipend.
   - Students who live at home in the United States will receive up to a $2,500 stipend.
   - Students traveling abroad will receive up to a $4,000 stipend.