

About Spider Internship Funds

- In the summer of 2025, the University awarded more than \$2 million in fellowship funding to nearly 600 students for a summer research or internship experience
- Spider Internship Funds is one of eight UR Summer Fellowships programs that award fellowships of up to \$5,300 to students each summer
- Continuing, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students in good standing in the School of Arts & Sciences, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, and Robins School of Business may apply
- Students receive their award through two stipend payments. They receive the first 70% when their supervisor has signed their confirmation form and the spring semester has concluded. They receive the remaining 30% once they have completed the internship and satisfactorily fulfilled on Spider Internship Funds requirements

Application Process

- Students are responsible for finding and applying for internships, or working with organizations to create an internship
- Students must meet enrollment requirements for the semester preceding and following their summer experience
- Summer experience must be paid less than \$13.25/hr in order to be eligible for Spider Internship Funds
- Summer experience must be at least 6 weeks and between 240 – 400 hours
- A student cannot be funded for more than 40 hours per week
- The student may submit their Spider Internship Funds application for the early notification deadline on Friday, February 27 at 5 PM. Students who wish to live on campus or intern abroad must apply by Monday, March 23 at 5 PM. All students must submit their application by May 1 at 5 PM in order to be considered for funding
- Students do not need to have secured their internship to apply
- Funds are awarded for applications that contain substantive and applicable learning objectives for the internship and demonstrated connection to the academic and career goals of the student.

Employer Requirements

- In order for an internship to be eligible for UR Summer Fellowship funding, it must meet the National Association of Colleges and Employer's (NACE) criteria to be defined as an [internship](#)
- A summer experience must be done at an organization that meets [Career Services guidelines](#)
- Supervisors must be a professional with expertise and education and/or professional background in the field of the experience. Supervisors must also not be current UR students or the intern's family member. Organizations can also not be owned by a University of Richmond employee, current UR student, or the student's family member
- Once the student has secured the internship and funding, the student and employer are required to sign a Fellowship Contract that details the internship requirements, including length of the internship, number of hours each week, and any compensation
- During the internship, the student is required to create a Learning Agreement, which the employer signs.
- Career Services will contact the student's supervisor at the midpoint of the internship to see if any questions or concerns have arisen during the course of the summer experience.
- The employer is required to submit an evaluation of the student's performance at the conclusion of the internship.

Spider Internship Fund Timeline

- March 23 – June 1 – Supervisor signs the student's Spider Internship Fund contract confirming the dates and hours worked along with any compensation provided
- First week of the internship – Supervisor and the student meet to complete a learning agreement. The learning agreement outlines the student's goals for the duration of the internship. The supervisor signs the learning agreement, and the student submits it to Career Services
- Midpoint of the internship – Supervisor will receive an e-mail from UR Career Services to see if any questions or concerns have arisen at this point in the internship
- End of the internship – Supervisor will receive a student evaluation by e-mail with a request to complete it by August 21

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