**UR Summer Fellowships**

**Guaranteed.** Through The Richmond Guarantee, every continuing, full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate student in good standing in the School of Arts & Sciences, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, or Robins School of Business is eligible for a fellowship of up to $4,000 for one summer research or internship experience before they graduate. Many of these experiences are funded through the UR Summer Fellowships program, which offers students the opportunity to pursue the research or internship experience that best complements their academic pursuits — in any field of endeavor, and in any part of the world. Through faculty-mentored research experiences, students pursue intellectual discovery while also gaining the laboratory, field, or archival experience needed to secure admission and fellowships to top graduate programs. Summer internships challenge students to apply what they’ve learned in new settings while obtaining the experience necessary to pursue their professional goals.

**WHO ARE UR SUMMER FELLOWS?**

In summer 2019, more than 550 students received fellowships, totaling more than $2 million. Here’s a look at our most recent student fellows.

- **34%** students of color
- **16%** first-generation students
- **12%** international students
- **9%** varsity athletes

**AWARDS BY UR SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM**

- **44%** Spider Internship Funds
- **40%** A&S Summer Research Fellowships
- **1%** Chaplaincy Summer Internships
- **1%** Jepson Summer Research Grants
- **<1%** Robins Summer Research Fellowship
- **Civic Fellowships**
- **Burrus Fellowship**

**AWARDS BY CLASS YEAR**

- **3%** seniors
- **39%** sophomores
- **43%** juniors
- **15%** first-year students

**AWARDS BY SCHOOL**

- **76%** School of Arts & Sciences
- **15%** Robins School of Business
- **9%** Jepson School of Leadership Studies

**AWARDS BY UR SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM**

- **53%** internship
- **47%** research

**AVERAGE AWARDS**

- **$3,604** average award
- **$3,895** average research award
- **$3,342** average internship award

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Students receive fellowships to pursue a wide variety of experiences including designing and implementing a new reporting procedure for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, producing 30-minute segments for a local ABC news affiliate, and conducting faculty-mentored research on gentrification in the Church Hill neighborhood of Richmond. Read more stories from UR Summer Fellows at ursf.richmond.edu.

Gabriela Telepman, ’20
Major: Business Administration, Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies
URSF: Civic Fellowship, Alvin Ailey Dance American Dance Theatre
Gabriela pursued her interest in nonprofit management and arts administration through a summer experience at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. She served as an institutional giving intern in the development department where she, “worked to create grant proposals and submit reports to the organization’s funders, researched prospective funders, staffed events like Alley’s Lincoln Center Gala, and analyzed sets of data to draw conclusions about successes and shortcomings of certain projects.” As a Civic Fellow, she also developed a research project with the help of her faculty mentor, Professor Alicia Díaz, that connected her internship to her academics at Richmond. Through her summer experience, Gabriela was able to connect her passion for dance to both academics and her career and solidified the idea that she wants to pursue a job in the industry.

Taylor Hoogsteden, ’20
Major: Leadership Studies
URSF: Burrus Fellowship, Governor’s Fellows Program
After witnessing racial and social injustices firsthand while volunteering at the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond for class, Taylor was determined to learn more about education policy. With the support of her UR Summer Fellowship, she participated in Governor Ralph Northam’s 2019 Governor’s Fellows Program where she engaged in policy research on student homelessness and food insecurity on college campuses across Virginia. Her research even caught the eye of Virginia Deputy Security of Education Frances Bradford and Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni and the 2020 General Assembly may consider her proposals.

Sara Milano, ’20
Major: Leadership Studies, Political Science
URSF: Burrus Fellowship, Orleans Public Defenders
Sara gained insight into the criminal justice system during her UR Summer Fellowship with the Orleans Public Defenders (OPD), an office that provides legal assistance to individuals charged with a crime and are financially unable to retain private counsel. During her internship, she worked under an OPD staff investigator and accompanied her to crime scenes, trials, and jails where they interviewed clients. The experience, combined with her interest in political science and passion for social justice, confirmed her desire for a career in public service.

Emily Whitt, ’21
Major: Global Studies, Politics, Philosophy, Economics & Law
URSF: Spider Internship Funds, U.S. Department of State
After Emily’s internship with the U.S. Department of State, she now views the field of public service through a whole new lens. During her internship, she worked to improve the quality of U.S.-sponsored exchange programs to better the relationship between the United States and other countries through people to people diplomacy. She’s thankful for the donors who make the UR Summer Fellowships program possible as this opportunity, “provided her clarity and exposure that she needed to combine her passions and studies, and allowed her to envision what her future in the field of public service may look like after graduation.”