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 2020, more than 400 students received fellowships, totaling more than $1.3 million. Here’s a look at our most recent student fellows.

- 29% students of color
- 17% international students
- 14% first-generation students
- 7% varsity athletes

- 58% INTERNSHIP
- 42% RESEARCH

**Awards by Class Year**
- 53% juniors
- 32% sophomores
- 12% first-year students
- 3% seniors

**Awards by School**
- 66% School of Arts & Sciences
- 12% Jepson School of Leadership Studies
- 22% Robins School of Business

**Awards by UR Summer Fellowships Program**
- 43% Spider Internship Funds
- 34% A&S Summer Research Fellowships
- 10% Burrus Fellowship research through faculty grants
- 7% Civic Fellowships
- 4% Jepson Summer Research Grants
- 1% Chaplaincy Summer Internships
- 1% Robins Summer Research Fellowship

- $3,444 average award
- $3,695 average RESEARCH award
- $3,259 average INTERNSHIP award

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Students receive fellowships to pursue a wide variety of experiences including conducting research on heart transplantation at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, reaching out to elected officials to obtain endorsements for a successful U.S. Senate campaign, creating art-related mindfulness activities for children at the Taubman Museum of Art, or engaging in faculty-mentored research on invasive species in the mid-Atlantic United States. Read more stories from UR Summer Fellows at ursf.richmond.edu.

Isabel Meyer, ’21
Major: Journalism, Film Studies
URSF: Spider Internship Funds, Vaudeville Ventures

At Vaudeville Ventures, a boutique digital consultancy in New York, Isabel had various responsibilities as their strategy intern, including conducting competitive analyses for clients, project management, generating social media content, and pitch deck creation. Her projects ranged from working with publishers on the novel The Ugliest Word, to creating a brand strategy with startup Brightly. Isabel said that she was most proud of presenting to the company her findings about big data’s overreach into the lives of American civilians via social media and invasive data farming.

Carson Beckett, ’21
Major: Business Administration
URSF: Spider Internship Funds, GiveTide

Carson was able to apply his background in finance and data analytics to GiveTide, an app that rounds up your spare change on everyday purchases and directs it to a nonprofit of your choice. As the business development and data analytics intern, he created financial projections, modeled the company’s revenue, published articles on the organization’s website, and worked closely with the marketing team to create a plan of action towards a larger market share. The opportunity to intern at an alum-owned business allowed Carson to practice the skills he developed at the University of Richmond while learning new ones at GiveTide.

Somyung Kim, ’23
Major: Mathematical Economics
URSF: Arts & Sciences Research Fellowship, Air Quality in the city of Richmond

Under the guidance of her faculty research mentor, Dr. Todd Lookingbill, Somyung collaborated with the Science Museum of Virginia to collect and analyze air quality data for the city of Richmond. The aim of the research was to identify connections between social, demographic, and economic variables, and patterns of pollution. This research experience enabled Somyung to learn skills such as Excel, blog creation, R scripts, and making graphs. Somyung said that this experience helped her understand the time, commitment, and effort needed to accomplish research, while also growing an interest in air quality research.

Kartikey Sharma, ’22
Major: Computer Science, Mathematics
URSF: Arts & Sciences Research Fellowship, Hybrid inter-host and intra-host model of antibiotic resistance and infection spread in a hospital ward

Kartikey’s faculty research mentor, Dr. Barry Lawson, had previously worked on a simulation project to model how bacterial infections spread in a hospital ward. Kartikey worked to transition the code that was implemented in MATLAB, a programming language that many don’t have access to, to Python, a more accessible language. Kartikey said that this experience allowed him to manage himself across different time zones, while grappling with a difficult programming language, and showed him how much he could really learn when he applies himself.