Guaranteed. Through The Richmond Guarantee, every traditional undergraduate student is guaranteed 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.

Who are UR Summer Fellows?
In summer 2015, more than 500 students received fellowships, totaling nearly $2 million. Here’s a look at our most recent student fellows.

- 24.7% students of color
- 14.4% first-generation students
- 10.7% international students
- 8.3% varsity athletes

AWARDS BY UR SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

- 38% Spider Internship Funds
- 12% A&S Summer Research Fellowships
- 37% A&S Summer Research Fellowships
- 1% Chaplaincy Summer Internships
- 1% Urban Education Fellowships
- 1% Jepson Summer Research Grants
- Civic Fellowships
- Burrus Fellowship
- Spider Research Funds
- research through faculty grants

AWARDS BY CLASS YEAR

- 4% seniors
- 17% first-year students
- 35% sophomores
- 44% juniors

AWARDS BY SCHOOL

- 8% Jepson School of Leadership Studies
- 75% School of Arts & Sciences
- 17% Robins School of Business

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.
Students receive fellowships to pursue a wide variety of experiences including: creating large-scale paintings for an exhibition, developing algorithms to correct images of nanoparticles, interning with local schools, working for the city police chief, and spending a summer in London researching the relationship between feminist movements, actresses, and fashion.

Read more stories from UR Summer Fellows at ursf.richmond.edu.

Vivian Barnes, ’16
Major: Theatre
URSF: Spider internship Fund, Berkshire Playwrights Lab, Great Barrington, Mass.
“It was cool to see how other people’s takes on scripts can bring insight that really affects and inspires the playwrights we work with. That helped me think about my process and ways that I can make it a little more collaborative and get more feedback.”

Hannah Maddy, ’16
Major: Classics
URSF: A&S Summer Research Fellowship, poetry in Pompeii graffiti, Richmond, Va.
“A lot of the graffiti records are just someone’s name, and some are pictures and numbers, and sometimes they just wrote alphabets out on the walls. I always stop to look at ones that are in lines; it kind of looks like poetry. But a lot of them aren’t in meter. They could be just one word, but it’s recorded as meter because it’s a word from a really famous poem.”

Shaquille Christmas, ’16
Major: Biology
URSF: Spider Internship Fund, University of Richmond Spatial Analysis Lab, Richmond, Va.
“The URSF program has afforded me the opportunity to gain technical, interpersonal, and networking skills that will help me prepare for future endeavors. I will be applying to a Master of Public Health in epidemiology program where I will be able to combine my GIS experience with what I learned about the spread of diseases.”

Max Bernstein, ’17
Major: Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law
URSF: Spider Internship Fund, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.
“My second week I helped write a memo and sit in on a meeting with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sylvia Burwell, and representatives from corporations such as IBM, Apple, GE, and Hewlett Packard, hearing what they had to say about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how it helped or hurt their companies. It was nerve-racking, but a great experience.”