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 $5,000 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 2021, more than 550 students received fellowships, totaling more than $2 million. Here’s a look at our most recent student fellows.

- **51%** internship
- **49%** research

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- **$3,714** average award
- **$4,042** average research award
- **$3,396** average internship award

**AWARDS BY UR SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM**

- 44% Spider Internship Funds
- 41% A&S Summer Research Fellowships
- <1% Jepson Summer Research Grants
- <1% Chaplaincy Summer Internships
- <1% Robins Summer Research Fellowship
- 2% Civic Fellowships
- Burrus Fellowship

**AWARDS BY CLASS YEAR**

- 46% juniors
- 40% sophomores
- 11% first-year students
- 3% seniors

**AWARDS BY SCHOOL**

- 73% School of Arts & Sciences
- 19% Robins School of Business
- 7% Jepson School of Leadership Studies

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Students receive fellowships to pursue a wide variety of experiences including producing television programming for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, training instructors at a school in Uganda, managing social media and newsletter writing for a startup incubator, or engaging in faculty-mentored research on the politics surrounding roads in Ecuador. Read more stories from UR Summer Fellows at ursf.richmond.edu.

Morgan Howland, '22
Major: Journalism
URSF: Spider Internship Funds, Henrico Citizen

Morgan was able to publish over 40 articles during her summer internship at the Henrico Citizen, a local newspaper in the Richmond metro area. The pieces she wrote covered almost every form of local journalism: government, business, community affairs, profiles, and breaking news. Morgan said that she was particularly grateful for her summer experience because of the impact it had on her professional worldview and because it grew her confidence within the local news setting.

Ariana Sosa, '24
Major: Biology, Health Studies
URSF: Arts & Sciences Research Fellowship, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Ariana spent her summer conducting research in Hawaii. She said that she learned many skills during her time at the University of Hawaii at Manoa including how to perform a gateway cloning reaction, understanding gel electrophoresis results, and how to present and write about gathered data. Ariana indicated that her summer experience helped her better understand how to balance academia with exploring the unknown in the lab and the adventure of Hawaii. She looks forward to applying what she learned during her research to future endeavors at Richmond and beyond.

Nicolas Ferree, '23
Major: Mathematics, Physics
URSF: Arts & Science Research Fellowship, Cosmological Parallax

Nicolas worked with his faculty research mentor, Dr. Tedd Bunn on two related questions. The first question was what kind of experiment is required to determine distances to galaxies by measuring the apparent motion in the sky? The second question asked can they use gravitational lensing to make the first measurement easier? Exploring these questions led to preparing a journal article to submit for publication which Nicolas said will be helpful going forward in applications for graduate school and future research experiences. He said that his work this summer reinforced his desire to do scientific research in the future.

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