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- 1% Civic Fellowships
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- 1% research through faculty grants

**AWARDS BY CLASS YEAR**

- 46% juniors
- 35% sophomores
- 12% first-year students
- 7% seniors

**AWARDS BY SCHOOL**

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**Students receive fellowships** to pursue a wide variety of experiences including: creating an app for students spending a semester abroad, developing a computer system for estimating the distance of galaxies from Earth, interning with local schools, studying gamelan music in Bali, and working for mayors, governors, and senators. Read more stories from UR Summer Fellows at ursf.richmond.edu.

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**Tomi Jegede, ’18**  
Major: Healthcare studies  
URSF: Civic Fellowship, *The Small Things*, a nonprofit in Tanzania  
“As someone who wants to go into the global health field, after reading about the voluntourism industry, I wondered if we are actually doing what we set out to do or if we are causing more harm than really truly helping people. The ultimate goal of *The Small Things* is to be self-sustained by Tanzanian staff members.”

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**Parr McQueen, ’19**  
Major: Biology  
URSF: A&S Summer Research Fellowship, the impact of cacao-based agroforestry on the rainforest  
“In much of the developing world, forests are being cut down at increasing rates for traditional agriculture, reducing habitat for endangered species and contributing to climate change. While cacao agroforestry has been shown to preserve biodiversity by providing habitat for birds and other animals, no work has been done examining the impact on microorganisms, and that’s what I want to study.”

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**Natalie Dowzicky, ’18**  
Major: Leadership studies  
URSF: Burrus Fellowship, Office of Senator Patrick Toomey  
“It is kind of inspiring that so many citizens are using their voice and being active in our government. It makes our job more difficult, but we are lucky to have full voicemails or mailboxes because that means that as a government, we are accountable to our constituents, which is the very backbone of our democracy.”

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**Devin Chen, ’20**  
Major: Undeclared  
URSF: A&S Summer Research Fellowship, second-price auction mathematical model  
“I think this model is really interesting because it can be applied to various scenarios, and if it’s applied maybe it can be better for society. The good thing about this mechanism is that it compels players to bid truthfully because there are no incentives to bid otherwise; this allows everything else to be much simpler because we can exclude the possibilities of players lying in order to achieve higher profits.”

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**UR SUMMER FELLOWS INTERNED AND RESEARCHED IN:**

- Richmond
- New York
- D.C.
- Boston
- Philadelphia
- Barcelona
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