Experiential Learning Student Grant Information and Application

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND PURPOSE:

Hope College encourages all students to have at least one experiential learning opportunity before graduation. To make this experience possible for more students, we are inviting students to apply for a grant of up to $2,500 to help off-set the cost of an internship or undergraduate research experience. Priority for the funds are given to students of color and students demonstrating financial need.

WHO CAN APPLY:

All full-time Hope College students who identify as a student-of-color or who demonstrate high financial need are eligible to apply. Financial need will be determined through consultation with the Financial Aid office. Students who do not meet the criteria of the grant need not apply.

THINGS TO KNOW:

Spring applicants: You are required to have secured an internship or research opportunity once you are awarded this grant.

Summer/Fall applicants: You are NOT required to have an internship or research opportunity already secured at the time of application. You MUST notify Shannon Schans with a letter of hire/appointment once your opportunity is secured in order to receive payment. Students MUST have an opportunity secured and a final notice be given to Shannon Schans on or before 5/1/21.

Payment will be made in two installments with half of the amount being granted at the start of the experience and half being granted at the conclusion of your experience.

Should you be awarded an experiential learning grant, these monies will be paid to you directly. Because these funds serve as a grant, the amount awarded will be subject to governmental taxes. In addition, all awarded grant funds will be reported to Financial Aid.

Please note that by submitting this application, you are giving permission for us to access your financial aid information.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION:

Answer all questions honestly and to the best of your ability. With specific questions, please contact Shannon Schans (schans@hope.edu).

Be professional in your communication with the grant coordinators. This is a competitive award and the manner in which you communicate, as well as the quality of your application are important factors in determining award recipients.

WHAT DO I NEED TO INCLUDE IN MY APPLICATION:

1) A completed Resume (For assistance developing a resume, please feel free to visit the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career as needed.)

2) Completed application document (see below)

3) Completed Essays

To be considered for a SPRING grant, students must submit a completed application (items 1-3) on or before 12pm 11/20/20.

To be considered for a SUMMER or FALL grant, students must submit a completed application (items 1-3) on or before 12pm on 3/15/21

All applications must be submitted via email to schans@hope.edu.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING GRANT APPLICATION:

Please fill out the questions below:

Demographics

Name:

Student ID#

Phone:

Email:

Are you a full-time Hope College student? Y/N

Class Standing:

Ethnicity:

Declared Major? Y/N

If Yes, what is your major(s)/minor(s):

Financial Information

What is the hourly wage requested: $_____

When will the experience take place? (circle one) Fall Semester Spring Semester Summer

Total Hours expected throughout the entire experience: _____

Are you intending to earn academic credit? Y/N

Where will you be living during the internship?
(circle one)
Home Campus Other: _____

Cost of Rent (if applicable): $_____

Other expense requests. Please be specific (ex. Clothes, transportation, etc.):

Total Stipend Request: $_____

In the space below, please indicate any sources of financial support you will be receiving for the experience, such as hourly wages from the site, SHARP funding, or other sources.

Experience/Site Information

Do you have an internship or research opportunity secured? Y/N

Are you intending to complete this experience regardless of whether or not you receive an experiential learning grant? Y/N

If Yes, complete the portion below. If no, move to the **EXPERIENCE SEEKING STUDENTS** portion

Internship or Research Information (Title, brief description of work, etc.):

Organization:

Location:

Paid: Y/N

Dates:

Hours per week:

Supervisor:

Name: Contact Number:

EXPERIENCE SEEKING STUDENTS ONLY:

Where are you currently seeking an experience?

How many organizations have you identified as potential experience locations?

Have you applied to any of the above organizations? Y/N

If yes, please list.

What is/are their hiring timeline(s)?

Have you met with someone in the Boerigter Center for assistance? If yes, what are your next steps?

BOTH EXPERIENCE SECURED AND EXPERIENCE SEEKING STUDENTS:

Essay (minimum 2 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt font)

On a separate sheet of paper, please address the following prompts:

1. Identify and describe your internship site OR describe the site(s) you intend to pursue.
2. Describe how you will work to connect the theories and information you're learning within your coursework, with the desired job responsibilities outlined in your experience.
3. Describe how you imagine an experiential learning opportunity will enhance your vocational discernment (how will this help you determine your next best step in terms of major discernment/life after Hope College/career preparedness?)
4. What, if any, are your current career goals?
5. Applicant's financial need will be reported through the Office of Financial Aid, however, if there is additional information that you would like to share about your financial need that may not be reflected otherwise, please provide that information in your application.

Please submit your completed application, including answers to the application questions, your essay response, and your resume, to Shannon Schans either electronically via email at schans@hope.edu.