EAGLE Summer Internship Stipend Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What are the program requirements for length and number of hours of the internship?

The internship must be a minimum of 8 weeks and at least 200 hours between June 1 – August 29, 2015. If you have extenuating circumstances, you may begin your internship prior to June 1. The length and duration of the program ensures that you have the opportunity to engage in thoughtful reflection, develop skills, and meet your learning outcomes, while receiving meaningful supervision from a staff member at the organization.

Who is eligible to apply?

The program is open to rising Boston College Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors (graduating in 2018, 2017, or 2016) in good academic standing. Students must be active Boston College students in the Fall 2015 semester.

Is the program open to all fields of work?

Yes. All unpaid internships will be considered. The internship should involve significant duties and meet a set of goals agreed upon by the student and the supervisor at the organization. Please see the eligibility criteria on the website for further details.

I’m getting paid for my internship; can I still apply?

The EAGLE Summer Internship Stipend Program is designed to support student internships at organizations that do not have the resources to pay interns for their work. We know many students work for modest salaries but we feel it is important to prioritize those students who are not receiving any salary at all.

Can I pursue an unpaid experience on campus?

Yes. The primary goal of the stipend is to support your career exploration. We encourage students to broaden your experiences off-campus, thus creating a larger career network. This should be your priority when researching potential internships. However, we recognize that in certain cases (for example, research with a professor), the continuity of work on campus would be more beneficial for your career. In such cases, you must be explicit in your application statement as to why the on-campus internship rather than an off-campus experience better fits your specific career goals.

Can I do my internship during the academic year?

Given the limited funding, the program is currently designed to support students pursuing summer internships.

Can I work in my home country or abroad?

Yes. Applicants can submit applications for internships in any country. International students should consult with OISS to discuss their internship plans prior to applying.
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Can I be awarded the EAGLE Summer Internship Stipend more than once while a student at Boston College?

Yes. Students who have received the stipend in the past can apply and receive the stipend this year. However, the internship must be a different experience than previously completed. If you have applied in the past for the stipend and were not selected, you are encouraged to apply again. There is no limit for the number of times you can apply.

Can I do two separate internships that equal the required length and number of hours?

No. The program is designed to fund a single internship at an organization providing an opportunity to learn about and explore your career related goals. The benefit of one internship is that it fosters a deeper learning experience, commitment and supervisory relationship between the intern and organization.

What are the requirements of me while at my internship this summer?

Selected students need to check in at least three times with their assigned Career Center staff member throughout the summer. This is to ensure the students are having a productive experience and enables the career center staff to help them reflect on their experience while it is occurring.

For similar reasons, selected students will be required to submit two blogs during their internship and comment on another student’s blog twice throughout the summer. Finally, students will be required to present about your summer experience in a poster session or other format during the Fall 2015 semester.

Will someone at the Boston College Career Center be available during my summer internship if I need assistance?

Yes. You will be assigned a Career Center staff member who will check in with you at the beginning, middle, and end of your internship. You can always contact the Career Center over the summer for information and advice while at your internship.

What should the Offer Letter from internship supervisor include?

The Offer Letter must confirm that you have been offered an internship at the organization, as well as
- Confirm dates of employment, which must be a minimum of 200 total hours.
- Confirm that the internship is unpaid.
- Explain the intern’s responsibilities in detail (or attach a detailed job description).
- Acknowledge and support student’s learning goals (from your application).
- Detail how the student will be supervised and indicate if any hours will be completed off-site or remotely.

This letter is a significant part of your application, and should be sent from your supervisor to you, which you can then upload to EagleLink as part of your application.
What happens if I don't have an internship secured by the deadline?

Unfortunately, we cannot accept partial or late applications and you must submit a completed application by either March 1 or March 29. While we would love to extend the deadline even further, we know students who have secured an internship are waiting to see if they have received funding before accepting their internship offer.

Many employers are willing to expedite their decision-making process if they are aware that you are applying for funding from Boston College. You should follow up with the organization to indicate your timeline.

How and when will I receive my stipend payments?

Students will be paid via Direct Deposit in two equal payments on/around June 1 and July 31. Selected students will learn more about the payment process at a required Pre-Internship Meeting in April, but you may go to PeopleSoft Self Service through AGORA to enroll or update your direct deposit information.