



College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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Merriam Internship Award 2009 Scholarship Information

Dwight Merriam ('68, sociology) established this award to honor the memory of his aunt, Oreana Merriam, who taught for many years in the Home Economics Department at UMass Amherst. He also wishes to acknowledge his sisters, Deborah Merriam ('71, education) and Dorothy Merriam ('86, BS, '00 MS nursing) who benefited from their education here.

The award provides financial support to undergraduate students who have an interest in public policy, law, ecological conservation, and/or real estate development for summer or semester-long internships.

In addition, the **Merriam Internship Award** will strive to establish a mentoring relationship between recipients and Mr. Merriam. Through this advisor/student dialogue, Mr. Merriam will offer his experience and vast network of contacts, giving students a significant competitive advantage upon graduation.

Eligibility: Preference will be given to students of junior standing, with financial need as determined by the UMass Amherst Financial Aid Office. Candidates must be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

Selection: There will be four awards of **up to \$2,500** each. Two awards will be made during the fall 2008 semester to support internships next spring. The remaining two awards will be given during the spring 2009 semester to support internships taken next summer or fall. The SBS scholarship committee will review applications and make the selections based on the criteria detailed above. The selection committee may invite finalists for an interview.

The recipients of this award will be expected to:

- *Write a thank-you letter to the donor of the Merriam Internship Award*
- *Attend the scholarship reception on Saturday, May 16, 2009*

Application can be found on the following page. Please submit hard copy or electronic application to:

Merriam Internship Award
c/o Jackie Brousseau-Pereira
SBS Dean's Office, Draper Hall
University of Massachusetts Amherst
40 Campus Center Way
Amherst, MA 01003-9244
413.545.1933, scholarships@sbs.umass.edu

Application Checklist: ____ Application Form ____ Resume ____ Letter of recommendation ____ Internship sponsor information ____ Essay
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Please complete and return this form to:

Jackie Brousseau-Pereira, Director of External Affairs, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
Draper Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 40 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003
Tel: 413.545.1933 Email: scholarships@sbs.umass.edu

THE FALL DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008
THE SPRING DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM ELECTRONICALLY, YOU SHOULD SAVE IT TO YOUR COMPUTER WITH A DIFFERENT FILENAME AND THEN UPLOAD THE NEW FILE TO SEND AS AN ATTACHMENT

Name _____ E-mail address _____

Local Address _____

Local Phone _____ Major _____

Anticipated Graduation _____ Student ID # _____ GPA _____

Permanent Address _____

Where and when do you plan to do your internship? _____

Please include the following with your application:

- Current résumé that lists academic achievements, student activities and employment
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member, former employer, or other who is able to discuss your interests and abilities
- Sponsor letter or contact information for the internship you will be completing
- Essay: in two pages or less, please describe the internship you will complete. How do your academic/career interests relate to public policy, law, ecological conservation, and/or real estate development? How is the internship related to your field of interest and academic goals? How will it help you reach career goals?