



## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

---

Office of the Dean • Draper Hall • University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Phone: 413-545-4173 • Fax: 413-577-0905

### Merriam Internship Award 2008 Scholarship Information

This award was established by Dwight Merriam ('68, sociology) and honors the memory of his aunt, Oreana Merriam, who taught for many years in the Home Economics Department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, as well as other members of the Merriam family who benefited from their education at UMass; namely the Donor's sisters, Deborah Merriam ('71, education) and Dorothy Merriam ('86, BS, '00 MS nursing).

The purpose of the award is to provide financial support to undergraduate students for summer or semester-long internships. Preference will be shown to students of junior standing, with financial need, who have an interest in public policy, law, ecological conservation, and/or real estate development.

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

**Eligibility:** Preference will be given to juniors enrolled at UMass Amherst. Candidates must be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; and have demonstrated financial need, as determined by the UMass Amherst Financial Aid Office.

**Selection:** Two awards of up to \$5,000 will be made. Based on the completion of the application a College of Social and Behavioral Sciences committee chooses a recipient in the spring semester. 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 10, 2008*

Application can be found on the following page. Please submit in hard copy, or electronically 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](mailto:scholarships@sbs.umass.edu)

#### Application Checklist:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resume
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Internship sponsor information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay



## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

---

Office of the Dean • Draper Hall • University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Phone: 413.545.4173 • Fax: 413.577.0905

### Merriam Internship Award 2008 Application

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](mailto:scholarships@sbs.umass.edu)

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008**

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 speak to your interests and abilities
- Sponsor letter or contact information for the internship you will be completing
- In an essay of no more than two pages, 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 your career goals?