



## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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### Merriam Internship Award 2012 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 acknowledges his sisters, Deborah Merriam '71 (education) and Dorothy Merriam '86, MS '00 (nursing), who benefited from their UMass educations.

The award provides financial support to undergraduates who have an interest in **public policy, law, ecological conservation, and/or real estate development** for summer or semester-long unpaid 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 who are taking an unpaid internship and have 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. Evidence of internship placement is required.

**Selection:** Two awards of **up to \$2,000** will be made during the spring 2011 semester to support students taking summer or fall semester internships. The SBS scholarship committee will review applications and make selections based on the criteria detailed above.

**Deadline to apply: THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012**

*The recipients of this award will be expected to:*

- Write a thank-you letter to Mr. Merriam
- Attend the scholarship reception on **Saturday, May 5, 2012**

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

Application Checklist:

- \_\_\_ Application Form
- \_\_\_ Résumé
- \_\_\_ Essay
- \_\_\_ UMass Financial Aid Award information (current year)
- \_\_\_ Statement of Financial Need
- \_\_\_ Internship sponsor information



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### Merriam Internship Award 2011 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 TO APPLY IS THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011**

Name				E-mail address			
Local Address							
Local Phone				Major			
Anticipated Graduation			Student ID #			GPA	
Permanent Address							
Organization where you plan to do your internship							
Internship will take place (select one)	Summer 2011			Fall 2011			

Please include the following with your application:

- Current résumé that lists academic achievements, student activities and employment
- If applicable, evidence of your current financial aid package from UMass Amherst (a print out from SPIRE will do)
- A brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) of financial need which describes any important or extenuating financial circumstances related to your need
- A brief essay (no more than one page) describing 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?
- A letter from your internship sponsor confirming your internship placement. If this is not possible, please provide contact information for the organization.

\_\_\_\_ By completing this application I declare that the information included is true and complete. If I am selected as a recipient of this award, I give my permission to share select information with the donor of the scholarship.