**Summer Internship Funding**

The following questions will be evaluated by the Summer Internship Funding review committee and are meant to provide insight into your thought process, motivations and goals related to your potential summer experience. Each question should have a unique response. Please put adequate thought into your responses to demonstrate why you would be a good candidate for Summer Internship Funding. DO NOT ASSUME YOUR READER WILL UNDERSTAND THE VALUE YOU SEE IN A PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE - take time to explain your perspective and motivation to reveal how intentional you are being in your selection of how you hope to spend your summer.

We know that students pursue summer internships, research, and other projects for both exploratory reasons (I want to determine if this work is something that fits me) and/or to gain experience in a proven area of interest (I really like this work and I want to build my skills and experience in this area). All students will be given equal consideration in the Summer Internship Funding process. Otherwise said, the process does not bias towards students who have a defined interest.

**Respond to each prompt in less than 200 words per question. Our reviewers will only see your first 200 words.**

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1. **What kinds of experiences are you planning to apply to or have you applied to for the upcoming summer?**Please describe with as much detail as possible any characteristics you are using/have used as search criteria to seek out your summer experience. Consider including industry(ies), type(s) of organization(s), job responsibilities, locations, office environment/culture, size of organization, Colgate connections, etc. Be sure to tell us the "why" behind these choices and not just what you intend to do.
2. **Please describe the potential learning outcomes of your proposed experience and why you have specifically chosen this pathway.** What are the main skills, knowledge, insights, or experiences you hope to take away from this experience and what is it about the dynamics of the specific proposed experience(s) you seek that will help you achieve these? If you’re considering multiple industries, please compare and contrast the potential outcomes of each pathway.
3. **How will this specific summer experience contribute to your short-term and long-term career development goals?**You do not need to know what you plan to do for the rest of your life to answer this question! If you're considering a few different options or areas, please address each area you're considering. If your proposed experience is entirely exploratory in nature, talk about what role you think this experience will play as you work to determine greater clarity for your career path. If you are selecting an experience that helps you get deeper in an area of interest you have honed in on, what about this experience will set you up to do just that?
4. **What do you anticipate being the most challenging personal or professional aspects of your summer experience? How do you plan to overcome this/these challenge(s)?** In what ways do you anticipate needing to stretch and grow throughout your summer experience? What resources and strategies are you using/will you employ to learn about the expectations in your new environment so that you can thrive? (Be sure to consider things like professional skills and your past experience, industry/organization environment and culture, interpersonal and professional communication, geographic or cultural differences, independent living, travel and time management.)
5. **Summer Internship Funding is a competitive process. If you receive this grant, how will it assist you to maximize your professional growth/career development in ways that not receiving it would limit? How are the financial resources of Summer Internship Funding integral to the achievement of your goals related to your proposed experience**.