Frequently Asked Questions

Funding

• **What leave term-specific resources does the Dickey Center offer?**
  o The Dickey Center provides funding resources for internships, research, and special projects.
  o The general international internship fund provides a grant of up to $4000 for a leave term abroad at an organization chosen by the applicant. Other opportunities exist where a partner has already been identified by the Dickey Center and funds necessary are provided. See our website for more details.
  o Faculty-mentored opportunities exist in particular through the Global Health Initiative and the Institute for Arctic Studies, which provide fellowships through the year.
  o Doing research with an international entity is also possible through international internships.

• **Which campus Center is most appropriate for my funding request?**
  o The Dickey Center funds internships, volunteer positions, and research that have an international focus and are strongly correlated with a student’s academic interests and future career goals.
  o Other Centers on campus (i.e. Rocky, Tucker, Center for Professional Development, ISTS, etc.) also have funding options; you should check their requirements to see where your opportunity fits best.

• **Can I get funding from other sources?**
  o If offered funding from more than one Center, you must choose only 1 funding stream. These campus organizations communicate with each other before they finalize who they give their funding to; students cannot receive more than 1 grant for the same project.
  o The Financial Aid Office offers the Funds for Educational Enrichment to students receiving financial aid going on a leave term. These are not always open for application; check the Financial Aid website for more updated information.
  o If applying for funds through the Dickey Center, internships and research assignments should be unpaid. You can receive a small stipend for living, but cannot receive a salary.

• **How many times can I get funding?**
  o You can only receive 1 of each of Dickey’s grants (i.e. 1 international internship, 1 GHI fellowship, 1 Lombard fellowship etc..).

Opportunities

General Questions

• **How do I find an opportunity abroad?**
  o Start by thinking about your interests, skills, what region of the world is most appealing to you. Look back on classes you have taken at Dartmouth and find ways to build off these experiences.
  o Come and look through the binders in the Loo Lounge to see what kind of things students have done in the past. If something sounds interesting to you, blitz that person and set up a time to talk further.
  o Visit the Center for Professional Development to talk about options and to search the student internship database.
  o Look at [www.idealista.org](http://www.idealista.org); lots of organizations will post available internships and volunteer positions on this site. Use this to get a sense of what organizations are out there and what opportunities exist in your area of interest.
  o Be creative! Talk to your professors. Contact organizations/businesses you’ve read about or seen in the media. Network with people you know working in a field that interests you. Reach
out to alumni! Talk with students from a region you’re interested in.

- Come meet with our Student Programs Interns in the Loo Lounge if you have any questions.

**How can I tell if an internship is legit?**

- Try talking to other people who have worked for the organization in the past.
- If you can, however, try to avoid set programs where you pay a fee. While many of these programs offer wonderful experiences, a lot can be learned through organizing an opportunity you set up yourself. Also, when you organize your own experience you can create it to fit your personal interests and goals, which will likely make you more invested in the work you do.

**Does my experience have to be abroad?**

- The vast majority of Dickey opportunities take place in an international location. We will consider funding for projects based in the U.S. with a significant focus on international affairs.

**Does the Dickey Center partner with any specific organizations?**

- The Dickey Center is growing the number of partnerships across the globe. There are opportunities for students of all levels of participate. Some examples are Seeds of Peace (conflict resolution), the American University of Kosovo (civil society building), and the Hospital Nacional Cayetano Heredia (emergency preparedness). Please consult the Dickey Center website for a complete list.

**Specific Questions**

- **How many people get funding?**
  - It depends from term to term; summer and winter terms are obviously more competitive because more students are “off.” A decision to fund also depends on the specific project. In general, the Dickey Center is sending about 100 students abroad per year.

- **How long does my project have to be?**
  - Minimum of 8 weeks.

- **What if I am an international student and want to do an internship in my home country?**
  - Dickey will not fund international students to return to their own country because the goal of the Dickey internship is to encourage cross-cultural experience. That being said, international students are encouraged to explore an internship in a culture that is not their own.

- **What sort of visa do I need?**
  - Usually students just use a tourist visa. It is always best, however, to check with the embassy of the country to which you are traveling and to ask specifically about the type of visa you will need for the project you are undertaking.
  - Dartmouth has recently contracted with Travisa to cover all outbound visas for Dartmouth travelers. They can provide consulting services and visa processing for Dartmouth travelers.

**Applications**

- **Do I have to budget all $4,000? (or $15,000 in the case of the Lombard)**
  - No. Budget as much money as you will need. $4,000 (or $15,000) is just the maximum you can receive. Budgeting more or less money will not decrease or increase the likelihood your internship will get funded. BUT, be realistic about your costs and try not to over or underestimate. Our interns can help you figure out what you may need to budget for.