

## ***Summer Funding***

### ***Scholarly Research, Internships, Creative Endeavors***

Each summer the Center for Environmental Studies offers limited funding to support student projects including scholarly research, career-related internships, and creative endeavors. All Williams students are eligible to apply for CES funding, regardless of major, concentration, or year (graduating seniors are not eligible). All proposals must demonstrate an environmental component; our definition of "environmental" is broad.

All students who accept funding from CES are expected to give a public presentation about their summer work during the following academic year by giving a log lunch talk, a gallery exhibit, or some other public presentation. A written report of the project (5 - 10 pages for internships and creative endeavors; 20 pages for research projects) must be submitted in the fall, along with a 300-600 word article for the CES newsletter, *Field Notes*.

The maximum stipend for research, internships, and creative projects is \$3,600 for 10 weeks of full-time work. Applications will be accepted for part-time projects, or projects that are less than 10 weeks. CES encourages students to seek funding from additional sources. In the case that partial funding is obtained elsewhere, CES will provide not more than the difference between the funding secured and \$3,600 for 10 weeks of full-time work.

# Application Guidelines for:

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## Scholarly Research

Stipends of up to \$3,600 for ten weeks will be awarded to students conducting research in environmental studies. This may be thesis research or an independent research project designed by the student, under the close supervision of a faculty member who will serve as an advisor to the project and who will help with research design, who will maintain contact with the student during the summer, and who will evaluate student work upon completion. The research proposal must include a research plan that includes a description of the research methodology, a draft outline of the research paper, and a brief literature review. This should be reviewed by the faculty sponsor before being submitted to CES. Students are expected to submit a 20 page research paper and to give a brief public presentation. Students may apply for stipends for shorter projects, funded at \$360 per week. Preference will be given to juniors to carry out work in support of a senior thesis. The research project must examine matters directly related to environmental studies.

Please submit the following materials to the CES office by the application deadline:

- A [proposal cover sheet](#);
- A transcript;
- A research proposal (5-7 pages);
- A bibliography of relevant reading materials;
- An endorsement from a faculty sponsor (may be sent separately by e-mail to Sarah Gardner at [sgardner@williams.edu](mailto:sgardner@williams.edu)).

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## Internships

Stipends of up to \$3,600 will be awarded to a limited number of students participating in 10-week internships exploring environmental careers. Students are encouraged to seek funding from the host institution, and to apply to CES for supplemental funding if necessary. Students are expected to submit a 5-10 page paper as well as give a public presentation. Students may apply for stipends for shorter projects, funded at not more than \$360 per week. The internship must have an explicit relationship to a career in environmental studies.

Please submit the following materials to the CES office by the application deadline:

- A [proposal cover sheet](#);
- A transcript;

- A short essay (3 - 5 pages) describing how your internship relates to the exploration of an environmental career;
- A letter from the host institution including a job description, the name of your supervisor, an offer of an internship (the internship offer may be contingent upon funding), and the dates of the internship;
- A letter of reference from a faculty sponsor (may be sent separately by e-mail to Sarah Gardner at [sgardner@williams.edu](mailto:sgardner@williams.edu)).

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## Research Assistants

Stipends of up to \$360/week for 10 weeks will be awarded to a limited number of students to work with Williams faculty on their research. The research must examine matters directly related to environmental studies.

Please submit the following materials to the CES office by the application deadline:

- A [proposal cover sheet](#);
- A transcript;
- A letter of support from a faculty member;
- A statement describing your interest in the project and your qualifications (3 - 5 pages);
- Other supporting materials as you see fit.

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## Creative Endeavors

Stipends of up to \$3,600 will be provided to a limited number of students to complete creative works in environmental studies. A Williams faculty member must serve as adviser to the project, who will help with research design, who will maintain contact with the student during the summer, and who will evaluate student work upon completion. Students must state clearly what their final product will be, whether a paper, a public presentation, an exhibit of their work, a website or some other final product. Students may apply for stipends for shorter projects, funded at \$360 per week. Preference will be given to juniors to carry out work in support of a senior thesis. The project must examine matters directly related to nature or environmental studies.

Please submit the following materials to the CES office by the application deadline:

- A [proposal cover sheet](#);
- A creative project description (3 - 5 pages);
- A bibliography of relevant reading materials;
- A transcript;

- A letter of support for the proposal from the faculty advisor to the project (may be sent separately by e-mail to Sarah Gardner at [sgardner@williams.edu](mailto:sgardner@williams.edu)) stating that they will fill the role outlined above.