



The Jeffrey Owen Jones '66 Fellowship in Journalism

The Jeffrey Owen Jones '66 Fellowship in Journalism will be used for an award to a graduating senior for post-graduate work or study in the field of journalism.

Purpose

To honor the memory of Jeffrey Owen Jones '66, a group of friends and family have established this award in his name. The award is administered by Williams College, and made annually to a graduating Williams senior wishing to pursue a career in journalism, the profession Jeff practiced with dedication and distinction over the course of his lifetime.

The award will take the form of a cash grant (\$10,000) intended to help its recipient make a start on a career in journalism, here broadly defined to include both traditional and new media. Consideration will be given to a wide range of pursuits, from entry level newspaper job to independent blog to investigative reporting project. While the intent is to cast a wide net in search of candidates and proposals, the overall goal is to select the person who best embodies the qualities for which Jeff was so widely admired: integrity, talent, independence of mind, wit, strength of character, skepticism of authority, and concern for others.

At its best, Williams teaches its students to challenge assumptions and question received opinion. As a Williams student and editor of the college newspaper, Jeff learned these lessons well, and put them to good use for the rest of his life. Today, the field of journalism is under siege – battered by commercial pressures, public antipathy, and its own painful failings. An award that in some small way goes against this grain, by helping a promising young person into the field, would not only honor Jeff, but would most certainly have pleased him.

Application Process: In order to apply to the fellowship, the student must submit a brief written proposal, no more than five pages in length, of the student's intended plan for the fellowship. The student will also submit a detailed resume containing information about previous experience in journalism, along with three journalistic clips and/or writing, video, or audio samples. In addition, one letter of recommendation from a Williams faculty member or former employer is required.

Deadline: Submission of all applications must be made no later than 5pm on April 6th. Decisions will be made by April 25th. Should the selection committee determine that no applicant's project meets the committee's criteria for funding in any given year, no fellowship will be awarded.

Application materials should be submitted in hard copy to:

John Noble, Director
Office of Career Counseling, Williams College
Weston Hall, 995 Main Street