

THORNE FAMILY AWARD

Summer Funded Experiential Learning Opportunities for First-Generation College Students (FGCS)

2019 APPLICATION PROCESS

Award Competition: The Thorne Family Awards invite first-generation college students to explore new techniques, technologies, or modes of inquiry or expression; to apply their academic-year learning to real-world challenges; and to clarify the interrelationship between their educational and post-baccalaureate goals. Awards may be used to support:

- field or laboratory research in an area of the student's choice, with the permission of the host institution and research sponsor;
- internships with clearly defined learning goals that complement the student's academic plan;
- artistic residencies, workshops, apprenticeships, or productions.

This list is not exhaustive nor is it meant to be prescriptive; *any experience that puts your classroom learning into practice or that deepens your knowledge or understanding of the discipline may be supported.* We ask that you think meaningfully and creatively about the type of experience that you pursue.

Awardees will receive a **\$4,000** stipend for a significant summer experience of 7–10 weeks. Experiences of shorter duration may be considered with proper justification but please note that this is a competitive award and proposals are evaluated with regard to the substance and rigor of the proposed experience. Funds may be used at the student's discretion to cover participation fees or tuition, travel expenses, and summer room and board. Thorne Family Awards may be used to access opportunities anywhere in the world, except in countries with State Department travel warnings or advisories. Thorne Family Awards may not be used to fund job shadowing opportunities, work experience of little academic value, or summer student-faculty research at Skidmore. Students receiving a Thorne Family Award agree to reflect on learning outcomes by way of a mid-program report and a final written report, and agree to serve as a peer mentor for other first-generation students in the future.

Eligibility: Students must be enrolled full-time and be in good academic, social, and financial standing with the College. International students should check with Student Academic Services before applying to identify any requirements they need to meet to qualify for this award. *These awards cannot be combined with other funded experiential learning opportunities at Skidmore.*

Application Process: Complete applications must be submitted to the Office of Academic Advising by March 14. **Please note that March 14th is during Spring Break---applications can be emailed or delivered on or before that date.*

Students not selected for a Thorne Family Award may submit their proposals to the appropriate Department Chair or Program Director for consideration in the SEE-Beyond Award Competition (due 22 March) or to other college funded award programs.

Please submit:

1. Complete **Application Form**.

2. **Application Essay**- Attach a brief essay (2-3 pages; typed) describing the relevance of the experience to your educational goals. Describe your preparation for the experience and how the experience will enhance your liberal arts education. You must also provide a specific description of the activities and responsibilities associated with the experience. This application process is competitive, and your essay will be judged on the quality and clarity of the writing. No vague or poorly written proposals will be accepted.

3. **Supervisor/Sponsor Statement**: An on-site supervisor or sponsor must confirm your acceptance into the program, organization, or institution and indicate his or her support for the learning goals you describe. If final acceptance has not been obtained prior to 14 March, the application will still be considered. Should your proposal be selected for funding, you will have until Friday, 12 April to confirm acceptance.

Selection Criteria:

1. Quality of the Application Essay
2. Substance and rigor of the experience
3. Consistency of the experience with the student's academic goals and degree of preparation

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2019 APPLICATION FORM

All applications must be submitted to Office of Academic Advising, Starbuck 201
or by email to advising@skidmore.edu by March 14, 2019.

Student's Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

This award is designated for first-generation college students (FGCS), which we define as a student for whom neither parent received a four-year college degree. Please confirm that you are a FGCS): Yes

Are you an International Student (Please check one): Yes No

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____ Dept/Prgm: _____

Most Recent GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Descriptive Title of Experience: _____

On-Site Supervisor/Sponsor (name and title): _____

Name of Organization or Institution: _____

Address of Organization or Institution: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Dates of involvement in the experience: Begin: ___/___/___ Conclude: ___/___/___

Total number of weeks for the experience: _____

Estimated number of hours per week: _____

Please indicate whether you receive financial aid: Yes No

Are you being paid for this experience? Yes No If yes, how much? _____

Please note that we are unlikely to fund a paid experience unless the amount is nominal.

Are you applying to any other awards, stipends, grants or loans? Yes No

If yes, which? _____

Have you received an award in the past from Skidmore to support summer opportunities? Yes No

If yes, which? _____