

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SCIENCES SUMMER FUNDING AWARDS 2019

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Environmental Studies and Sciences Program

Award Competition: The Environmental Studies and Sciences Summer Funding Awards are offered on a competitive basis to support Skidmore students who wish to undertake summer experiences in areas that focus on environmental issues. The summer experience should be grounded in the student's academic and research interests in ESS and significantly enhance and expand upon these interests and the student's personal learning goals. This experience can engage the student in environmental work on the local, national, or international level.

Students often use summer funding to participate in unpaid internships, but we encourage students to consider other experiences that complement their classroom learning. In the past, one ESS student used summer funding to take classes in sustainable architecture, another worked with a group of Mayan women farmers to help form a women's collective, and yet another developed a summer field research project with her study-abroad advisor.

Summer funding is awarded in an amount up to \$4,000. Recipients will receive a stipend for an 8- to 10-week period that covers a minimum of 260 hours. Longer, more intense internships are more likely to be funded.

Eligibility: The ESS Summer Funding Award provides financial support to students participating in a noncredit or credit-bearing summer experience. Applicants for the ESS Summer Funding Award must be currently enrolled at Skidmore College (full-time or part-time) and be in good standing with the College. Preference will be given to ESS majors and minors but all students, including first-year students who have not yet declared a major but are considering an ESS major/minor and are planning on an ESS-related internship or summer project, are strongly encouraged to apply. Preference will also be given to returning students, although graduating seniors are eligible to apply. 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 any other award, scholarship, stipend, or grant.*

SEE-Beyond Award: Every year, the Office of Academic Advising offers competitive funding awards for 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. More information can be found at <http://www.skidmore.edu/see-beyond/>. Interested students submit applications to their department/program, and the department/program selects one nominee to submit to a college-wide competition. The ESS Program can submit one proposal for an Environmental Studies major and one for an Environmental Science major.

If you are interested in applying for a SEE-Beyond Award, indicate that on your application form. You can use the same application for both ESS and SEE-Beyond funding. You only need to submit one copy for both opportunities.

Application Process: The deadline for applying is **noon, Friday March 22, 2018**. Complete applications should be submitted to Carol Goody, ESS Administrative Assistant, 172 Dana (or cgoody@skidmore.edu). If you have any questions, please contact Anne Ernst, ESS Program Coordinator (agallagh@skidmore.edu).

LATE PROPOSALS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED!

Below are the requirements to apply:

1. Complete Application Form (see below).
2. Application Essay – Attach a brief essay (2-3 pages, typed) describing the relevance of your experience to your study of environmental issues. Describe your preparation for the summer experience and how it will enhance your education. You must also provide a description of your specific activities and responsibilities. This application process is competitive, and your essay will be judged on the quality and clarity of the writing. Vague or poorly written proposals will not be funded.
3. Summer Supervisor: The on-site supervisor of the internship or summer experience must submit a signed letter or email detailing the responsibilities and work schedule for the student.

Selection Criteria:

1. Quality of personal statement
2. Consistency of summer experience with academic interest and learning goals
3. Rigor of summer experience
4. Academic standing

Strong applications will propose activities that demonstrate clear links to the applicant's ESS major or minor, her or his Skidmore education, previous courses, and possibly connections to a capstone project or independent study.

Follow-up Report and Posts: Students must complete at least two blog posts to ESS social media during their internship experience. At the conclusion of the summer, recipients are required to submit a reflective essay of approximately five pages, discussing how they benefitted personally, intellectually, and academically from their summer experience, specifically addressing how it enhanced their academic goals as students of ESS.

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APPLICATION FORM

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Name: _____ Class Year: _____

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

E-Mail Address: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Most Recent GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Descriptive Title of Internship (or other summer experience):

On-Site Supervisor (name and title): _____

Name of Organization: _____

Address of Organization: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Dates of the internship – Begins: _____ Concludes: _____

Total number of weeks: _____

Total number of hours per week: _____

Are you a full-time student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you applying for any other Skidmore College summer awards, stipends, or grants?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, which ones? _____

Would you like to be considered for the SEE-Beyond Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will this be a paid internship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you receive financial aid from Skidmore? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature _____ Date _____