

SEE-Beyond Award—Resources for Social Work Students

The SEE-Beyond Program offers Social Work majors summer internship and research opportunities. The Social Work faculty encourages students to apply for internships at public and nonprofit organizations close to their home, state capital, or Washington, DC. The faculty will also consider proposals for independent research, but students applying for internships with established organizations or projects have an advantage. Professor Oles is available to help students clarify their plans and the SEE-Beyond application process.

Social Work majors should submit the SEE-Beyond Application to Professor Oles. (check the SEE-Beyond webpage for deadlines and consult with Prof. Oles). The Social Work Department will review the proposals and forward one to the SEE-Beyond office for the college-wide awards competition. The SEE-Beyond website provides details regarding the awards and it includes descriptions of successful proposals from prior years.

The Social Faculty will use the following criteria for judging the proposal: the quality and feasibility of the experience, the relevance of the experience to the student's academic and professional goals, the readiness of the student to undertake the work or project, the strength of supervision available, and the quality of the application materials, most notably the essay. The faculty will consider proposals from students at every stage of their Skidmore career, but they are especially interested in proposals from rising juniors and seniors.

A list of organizations and federal agencies that students might consider follows this description. The list focuses on national organizations in Washington, DC to encourage students to SEE-Beyond and imagine a professional opportunity that they cannot accomplish in Saratoga Springs or in their usual summer home. The list should not discourage any interest in an appropriately challenging internship with a vulnerable population in a local social service agency. For example, this year, Social Work major, Rene Alpert, won a See-Beyond grant to intern at Brooklyn Defender Services.

Please note, internet links may change overtime—if hyperlinks below do not work, try searching keywords, such as “internships,” “summer,” or “research,” with the following organizations or similar organizations.

Examples of Places to Explore:

Brookings Institute <http://www.brookings.edu/>

Child Welfare League of America <http://www.cwla.org/whowhat/intern.htm>

Center for American Progress <http://www.americanprogress.org/>

The Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov/internships/>

Department of Health and Human Services <http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/about/volunteer/fbci-intern.html>

Global Health Fellows <http://www.ghfp.net/content.fsp?id=40680>

National Association of Social Workers <http://www.naswdc.org/nasw/naswintern.pdf>

National Organization for Women (NOW) <http://now.org/>

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People <http://www.naACP.org/>

The Institute for Women's Policy Research <http://www.iwpr.org/about/internships>

Planned Parenthood <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/>