**PROGAM SPECIFIC APPLICATION**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARS SUMMER GRANT**

**Community Partnerships for Social Change**

**CPSC Social Justice Scholars:** Awards up to $3,000 to assist current ***Division II*** ***students on financial aid*** with the cost of living while interning for a non-profit organization of their choice in the U.S*.* The organization must be committed to forwarding social change initiatives and the proposed internship must be an integral part of the students’ Division II academic work.

*Thank you for your interest in the CPSC Social Justice Scholars Program!* This is a competitive process, so we encourage you to review the eligibility requirements and application thoroughly and come in to talk with CPSC Staff about your plans prior to submitting the application. We look for students who have a strong commitment to social justice work, whose proposed internship connects well with their academic work, and who are self-motivated, creative, and thoughtful.

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**CPSC Social Justice Scholars General Eligibility Requirements:**

1. You must be a current student at the time of the internship and returning to Hampshire as a student in Fall Semester. If you plan to be on leave in the fall, it must be a Field Study Leave and *not* a Leave of Absence.
2. You must be in Division II (i.e. passed Div I, not yet passed Div II).
3. You must be a current financial aid recipient.
4. You must complete a *minimum* of 200 hours of substantive, supervised work, which can be completed in a 6-10 week period.
5. The internship must be with a non-profit organization in the United States or Puerto Rico.
6. Recipients must agree to these mandatory requirements: attend a pre-internship training/orientation May 1st, 11am-2pm, submit a mid-summer report, submit a comprehensive final report, submit an internship evaluation form, and attend the annual intern dinner and presentation in the fall semester (unless on field study leave). A portion of your award will be held back until these requirements are complete.
7. Grant recipients will be required to return any reward received, in full, if they do not complete the internship as outlined in their proposal and the requirements listed above.

**Important Dates:**

* Application Deadline: **Monday** **April 6th by 4:30pm at CPSC Office, G1 FPH**
* Final Decisions and Notifications: **By 4:30pm, Wed April 15th**
* Mandatory pre-internship orientation and training: **Friday May 1st, 11am-2pm**
* Post-internship fall semester event: **TBA**

**CHECKLIST**

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 **Social Justice / Nonprofit Summer Internship Grants SHARED APPLICATION**

* **Cover Sheet:** This page should be at the front of your application.
* **Faculty Recommendation Form:** Talk to your Committee Chairabout your grant interest and give them this form, with ample time to complete before the deadline.
* **Organization Support Letter:** This letter should be written by your internship supervisor be mailed to CPSC on the organization’s letterhead, or emailed directly to CPSC. There is a memo included on page 4 of the CPSC program specific application to help you describe the “letter of support” to your internship supervisor.
* **Budget Form:** Use the budget form to outline your proposed summer budget, giving your best estimate possible, along with a total estimate of your budgetary needs.
* **CPSC Social Justice Scholars PROGRAM SPECIFIC APPLICATION**
* **Internship Proposal Form:** Complete the form in this packet, write your answers to the questions in the format described, and attach to your application.
* **Resume:** Provide a resume or listing of past work (paid and volunteer), internships or community service experience. Include dates, organizational information, and a short description of the work you did.
* **Division II Contract:** Please include your most up-to-date Division II Contract.
* ***Optional Materials:*** You may include any materials that you think will help the committee better understand your internship and its merits. This might include a brochure from the agency; past academic work that speaks to your proposed internship topic; evaluations by past supervisors or teachers.

 **Include all the above components in your application and submit three (3) copies of finalized application to the CPSC office in FPH, G-1.**

**INTERNSHIP PROPOSAL FORM**

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**Name:**

**Division and Year:**

**Organization Name and Address:**

**Internship Supervisor and Title:**

**Number of Weeks/Hours Per Week:**

(Please note this grant requires a *minimum* of 200 hours over 6-10 weeks)

**Does the internship offer pay or any other compensation? Please explain:**

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Please answer the following questions in 12-point font, numbered, with your name on the top of each page. We recommend you write between 1-2 pages for each set of questions, (A & B).

**A. Describe your proposed internship and explain how it addresses issues of social change/social justice**. **Be sure to include:**

1. The name, goals and any pertinent history of the organization
2. What your responsibilities will be
3. How your proposed internship deals with issues of social justice and systemic change; both in reference to the work of the organization and your role as an intern
4. **Explain your Division II concentration and how your summer internship would directly connect and enhance your academic goals. Be sure to include:**
5. A clear explanation of your Division II
6. How your summer experience would directly relate to your Division II goals
7. Articulate what issues you expect to grapple with in your internship experience, what you hope to learn, and how this internship will further an aspect of your Division II

**To: Non-profit organizations**

**From: Community Partnerships for Social Change (CPSC)**

**Date: February 2015**

**Subject: 2015 Social Justice Scholars Award**

For the past twenty-six years, the Community Partnerships for Social Change (CPSC) program at Hampshire College has supported student internships with national non-profit organizations creating social change. Students on financial aid undergo a competitive application process to receive Social Justice Summer Scholarships that provide funding for students to intern with non-profits around the country. These internships are often a pivotal experience for students as they offer an opportunity for them to combine academic work with direct action and to conceptualize their field of study as a career.

The application process requires that students obtain a letter of support from the organization they would like to intern with. *The letter can either be mailed or emailed directly to CPSC on the organization’s letterhead.* Please include a clear description of the organization’s mission, outline duties and responsibilities of the intern position, and specify how many weeks, and hours each week, you expect the student to work. Please note that students receiving our grant awards are required to work a minimum of 200 hours over a 6-10 week period, though details and timing should be negotiated with you and the student directly. Providing details on specific tasks and responsibilities or larger projects or issues the student would be assisting the organization with will strengthen the student’s application and improve their chances of receiving funding. Students will be informed of their acceptance by Wednesday April 15, 2015.

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:*

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**Community Partnerships for Social Change**

Since 1987, CPSC has brought together Hampshire students, faculty, alumni, and staff with community activist, non-profits and organizers/educators in intentionally beneficial partnerships that create politically conscious, mutual education and skill building that itself becomes a systemic support network of national social justice leadership.

CPSC recognizes the distinction between community service and sustainable partnership rests in the ability of CPSC sponsorship to confront complex historical power relationships. We do this by supporting long-term reciprocal projects that integrate self-reflection with clear, accountable, innovative community-based collaborations.

CPSC offers fellowships, research and course-related development grants to students, faculty and alumni whose work ultimately contributes to networks creating fundamental change in our political-economic systems.