

Jones Scholars Internship Program Frequently Asked Questions: Host Site Applicants



Q: What types of projects are supported by the Jones Scholars Internship Program?

A: The Cowen Institute is particularly interested in supporting projects that improve access and success in post-secondary education. However, the institute will consider projects that are outside of these areas. In such instances, preference will be given to projects that improve academic achievement and eliminate the academic achievement gap.

Q: What are the selection criteria for project proposals?

A: Project proposals will be judged on the basis of the following: 1. Articulation of realistic and doable projects that will serve to improve educational outcomes and/or address needs of constituents served by the host institution; 2. Degree to which the project will enhance college readiness and increase college success; 3. Extent to which projects will yield a tangible resource and/or product that might be shared with the broader education community in New Orleans; and 4. Evidence that the student will be supported and provided with the necessary leadership, guidance, and resources for completion of the project.

Q: How are Jones Scholars selected for participation?

A: The Jones Scholars Internship Program is competitive and highly selective. Student applicants will be judged by a panel of reviewers on the quality of their letters of interest, academic performance, and strength of their letters of recommendation. Additionally, a select group of finalists will be invited to interview with the Jones Scholars Review and Selection Committee.

Q: What are the requirements of the internship?

A: Jones Scholars are required to work a minimum of 20 hours a week on the assigned project; attend internship orientation, including an orientation held by the host, as well as participate in other professional development opportunities. At the conclusion of the internship, Jones Scholars will submit a final written report to the host site and the Cowen Institute. In return for their work, Jones Scholars will receive a stipend award in the amount of \$6,000 from the Cowen Institute.

Q: Must Jones Scholars possess a background in education?

A: No. Student applicants are not required to have a background in education. Through this program, we are seeking to draw on the strengths, abilities, and interests of students from a variety of academic disciplines within the university, enabling them to use their talents and skills to support education reform efforts.

Q: What is the Cowen Institute's expectation for supervision during the internship?

A: Host sites are expected to provide direct on-site supervision for the project. Site supervisors should also provide the requisite coaching and mentoring opportunities for graduate students as well as a collaborative and supportive work environment. Organizations should provide typical office resources (computer, office supplies, phone, and workspace) necessary to complete assigned projects. Host organizations will be responsible for evaluating the Jones Scholar's work at the end of the project.

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