PPPM Public Service Internship Award

The PPPM Public Service Internship Award is intended to offset some of the costs of an unpaid, public service-focused internship for PPPM graduate students. Eligible internships must be in the nonprofit or public sectors and clearly support a student’s career goals. Funds may be used for travel, living expenses, transportation, and tuition and fees.

Awards are typically $500, but higher amounts may be considered depending on availability of funds and merit of the student’s application materials. Funds will be placed in award recipients’ UO student accounts. This is a competitive award and not all applicants will receive funding. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a continuous basis. They will be reviewed by an award committee within 2 weeks of receipt if all materials are submitted between weeks 1 and 8 of the term. Applications will not be reviewed during breaks.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Must be a currently enrolled PPPM graduate student pursuing a master’s degree (MCRP, MPA and MNM only).
- Internship must be unpaid, with a nonprofit or public sector organization, and a minimum of 18 hours/week for a 10-week academic term.
- Students may apply as soon as they secure an eligible internship. Applications must be received prior to the start of the internship.
- Fall, winter, spring, and summer term internships are eligible for the award.
- Students may register for academic internship credit (PPPM 604 Internship or PPPM 604 Nonprofit Internship) or complete a non-credit internship. Award recipients who complete a non-credit internship must submit brief midterm and final reports to the award committee.

Selection Criteria:
- Articulation of how the internship supports the student’s career goals.
- Academic performance.
- Costs associated with the internship.

Application Materials:
- Completed application Cover Sheet (see attachment), including budget summary.
- One-page cover letter that describes your public service internship, what you intend to learn, and how the internship supports your career interests and goals.
- Resume and current unofficial transcript.

E-mail a pdf of your application materials to jvoelker@uoregon.edu with “PPPM Public Service Internship Award” as the subject line prior to the start of your internship. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement e-mail when materials are received.