2014 Political Education Fellowship (PEF)
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are due Tuesday, March 25 at 12:00 noon

The Political Education Fellowship provides financial assistance that enables CMC students to intern on a political campaign. Work must be for a candidate running for office (not with a legislative office). Students who meet specified program criteria as evidenced by the application packet will be selected to interview with a committee composed of faculty and staff.

Starting 2014, all application materials must be submitted to FluidReview.com (see “Application Materials” below for details).

Eligibility and Requirements:
- Applicants must complete Government 20 before beginning the internship, have a minimum GPA of 8.5, and be in good standing with the College, as verified by the Dean of Students Office. Seniors may not apply.
- A Government faculty member must provide written approval of the political campaign selected, verifying the campaign will provide a worthwhile learning experience.
- Preference is given to campaigns that are closely contested and internships with substantive responsibilities (that exceed those of a typical volunteer).
- Students awarded this Fellowship must participate in INT 199, Internships, for at least ½ academic credit.
- Awards range from $1,000 to $3,500.

Selection:
The Selection Committee will evaluate the following, among other considerations, before making final selections:
- Quality of the campaign and internship
- Rationale for pursuing the internship
- Recommendation
- Interview

Application Materials:
The materials below must be submitted through the Sponsored Internship portal on FluidReview.com, an online application and selection website. After creating an account, applicants will complete all required forms on and upload all required documents to FluidReview. Materials should not be submitted in hardcopy or via email. The application portal, a link to which will be posted on the Sponsored Internship homepage, will open January 28, 2014.

- Domestic Application Form
- Resume, which must be reviewed by a Career Consultant (CC) before being submitted. CCs are available on a drop-in basis from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in Career Services. Please allow time to incorporate the CC’s recommendations into your resume.
- **One recommendations** submitted via FluidReview.com. Please request recommendations through FluidReview.com to ensure they are included with your application packet.
- **Letter confirming your internship** from the sponsoring organization (on letterhead with a signature) OR correspondence with the organization and an explanation of why the internship isn’t confirmed
- **Descriptive/background Information** on the sponsoring company/organization (which may be printed from the organization’s website)
- **Unofficial Transcript**, which you can obtain from CMC’s student portal or Registrar’s Office

- **Essay Questions.**

  Note: The essays constitute the heart of your application, where the Committee gets to know you, your motivation for pursuing your project, and how your project relates to your future goals. As such, you should take great care when composing your responses, answer each question thoroughly, and present a compelling and polished case for why your project deserves support.

  1. Describe your candidate’s election race.
  2. Describe your internship. (What specifically will you be doing?)
  3. What is your interest in working for a political campaign and this campaign particularly?
  4. How does this opportunity relate to your career goals?

**Note:** Applications will not be reviewed until all of the above materials have been submitted to FluidReview.com.

*Claremont McKenna College in no way endorses the particular candidates for which students choose to work.*