RISE Fellowship

Research and Independent Scholarship Engagement (RISE) Fellowship Information

Fellowship Overview: The Office of Student Affairs is offering the Research and Independent Scholarship Engagement (RISE) Fellowship, a fellowship that provides experiential learning, professional development, and networking opportunities for students. The fellowship includes a stipend of up to $2,500 per semester ($5,000 for summer).

RISE projects should further students' academic interests and/or career development. They may take the form of a paper, performance, or other creative work; a research engagement; a training opportunity; or be purely experiential in nature. RISE projects can, but are not required, to be related to pre-thesis and/or thesis work. All RISE projects must have a designated faculty or staff sponsor.

Application Deadline: Applications may be submitted on a rolling basis. The fellowship program runs for 12 weeks during the Fall term, Spring term, and Summer vacation. During the pilot program, fellows may be admitted into the program mid-semester.

Stipend Amount: Stipend of up to $2,500 per semester ($5,000 for summer).

Application Submission Process: Students must complete the RISE application form and email it to rise@amherst.edu. Applications will be reviewed and decisions will be announced within two weeks of submission.

Eligibility: Applicants must:
- Be a current Amherst College student, and remain an Amherst College student during the fellowship program
- Not be currently employed by the College
- Demonstrate interest in their field of study/research/training
- Be in good academic standing
- Have a research, training, and/or experiential learning proposal under the supervision of or with the support of an Amherst College faculty or staff sponsor.

Fellowship Description:
RISE fellows will:
- Participate in their approved research, training, and/or experiential learning project (up to 15 hours/week during fall or spring; up to 40 hours/week during summer)
- Participate in monthly RISE leadership and professional development opportunities offered through the Office of Student Affairs
- Submit a final reflection on their research, training, and/or experiential learning project to the RISE committee upon completion of the program

Point of Contact: Questions about the RISE program can be directed to Eboni Rafus-Brenning, MRC director, at rise@amherst.edu.