



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rise@amherst.edu).