Kershaw Summer Internships in Public Policy

The economics department is pleased to remind you of an endowment that has been created to fund Kershaw Summer Internships in Public Policy for Economics majors. The fund was established in memory of Joe Kershaw, a prominent economist and much-loved professor at Williams, and David Kershaw, Williams ’64, his son, also a well-known economist. The conditions of the award are as follows:

• The internships carry stipends of $460 per week.
• The internships are restricted to Economics majors.
• Preference will be given to students who are currently in their junior year, but sophomores who have taken at least two of {Econ 251, Econ 252, Econ 255} may also apply.
• The internship must have a duration of at least eight weeks.
• Interns are permitted to earn additional compensation of $1,400 for the work they do as interns, to cover living expenses.
• The internship project/activity must have a policy component and an economics orientation.

Interested students are encouraged to begin searching for internships immediately. If you need some guidance regarding potential internship possibilities you can contact Paula Consolini, Director of the Center for Learning in Action (pconsolini@williams.edu). Applications for this coming summer should be submitted by email to Helen McShane (ham1@williams.edu) by noon on Friday, March 12, 2021. The application should include the following:

• A one-page description of the project/activity you want to pursue and discussion of its policy relevance and economic content. If you have discussed this with a faculty member, please note the faculty member’s name in your application. Further, if you have already applied for another summer fellowship from Williams, or plan to, please include that information.
• Possible organizations/agencies that might sponsor the internship where you will pursue your project/activity. Once you secure an internship, please have your sponsor write us a letter confirming your internship. This must be done by Friday, May 7, 2021.
• Your resume.
• A copy of your Williams transcript.

Students who are awarded an internship are required to submit a brief written report on their work of 5-7 pages to Helen McShane by noon on Friday, September 10, 2021. Awards are competitive, and are based on quality of proposal, evidence of sustained interest in public policy and general academic performance.