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General Questions

What is a "non-profit"?

Non-profit means not conducted or maintained for the purpose of making a profit. Instead, it operates to serve a public good. Any net earnings by a non-profit organization are used by the organization for the purposes for which it was established. As an entire sector, non-profits include hospitals, universities, trade organizations, voluntary associations and religious organizations.

If you have questions about whether a particular organization qualifies for the non-profit or public sector grants, please contact Career Services at 617-627-3299.

Examples:

ACCION International <http://www.accion.org>

American Cancer Society <http://www.cancer.org>

Museum of Science <http://www.mos.org>

Organization for a New Equality <http://www.newequality.org>

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What is "public sector"?

Public sector refers to government agencies, offices and departments. The public sector is that portion of society controlled by national, state or provincial, and local governments. In the United States, the public sector encompasses universal, critical services such as national defense, homeland security, police protection, fire fighting, urban planning, corrections, taxation, and various social programs. Public sector internships can be in the offices of elected officials, but not working with election or re-election campaigns.

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Examples:

Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov>

Senator Kennedy's Education Office <http://kennedy.senate.gov>

United States Department of Defense <http://www.defense.gov>

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Will receiving an internship grant impact my financial aid?

NO, the grant will not adversely affect your financial aid package since you would be expected to earn \$3000-\$4000 over the summer anyhow, and this would count as that requirement for the Office of Financial Aid.

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How will I be paid?

If you are chosen as a grant recipient, you will receive \$3000 at the start of your internship, and \$500 will be paid upon completion of all steps concluding with fall poster session/presentation. [back to top](#)

Internship and Eligibility Questions

Where do I find internships?

You are encouraged to find internships in the following ways:

1. Create your own internship. Information on the internship search is available through our web site at <http://careers.tufts.edu/intern.htm>.
2. Search online internship listings. A list of internship listing sites is available on our web site at <http://careers.tufts.edu/intern.htm>.

[Are international internships eligible for the Career Services grants?](#)

No. These grants will only apply to internships located within the continental United States, Hawaii and Alaska. Internships offered at international U.S. government sites are not eligible. For students interested in obtaining funding for internationally based public service internships, please refer to the Active Citizenship Summers Program through Tisch College. <http://summerscholars.programs.tufts.edu/>

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[Can I receive credit for my internship and still be eligible for the grant?](#)

Yes. Academic credit is only granted through your academic department. You must fulfill the requirements of the grant as well as the department if you are receiving credit. You will also need to pay for the summer credit. [back to top](#)

[Can I work for a political campaign or other campaigns such as environmental campaigns and still be eligible for the grant?](#)

No. You cannot work for a campaign and still be eligible for the grant. Campaigns are privately funded and therefore not considered in the public sector. You ARE eligible for the grant if you are working in the office of an elected official. [back to top](#)

[Am I still eligible for the grant if I'm planning to be studying abroad in the fall?](#)

Yes. If you are studying abroad in the fall, whether on a Tufts or non-Tufts program, you are eligible for the grant. However, you will still need to complete the final requirements to receive the last payment. [back to top](#)

[Can I apply for Summer Scholars, Active Citizenship Summers and the Career Services grants?](#)

Yes, you may apply to the different sources of funding, however, you will not receive more than one grant and the opportunity being funded through each program would be different. If you need help deciding on your summer plans, make an appointment with a career counselor. [back to top](#)

[Am I still eligible for the grant if my selected internship site does not pay me but offers other "perks" like a T-pass or travel reimbursement?](#)

You are still eligible for the grant as long as the amount of "perks" does not exceed \$400 over the course of the summer. [back to top](#)

[What are the weekly hour requirements for the grant?](#)

In order to be eligible for the grant, you must work a minimum of 350 hours over the course of the summer (i.e. 35 hours/week for 10 weeks). If you are planning on taking time off during the course of the summer internship, you must negotiate this with your internship supervisor in advance and make up the time during the other weeks. [back to top](#)

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"Students with demonstrated financial need" refers to those receiving financial aid, beyond just government student loans, through Tufts University. [back to top](#)

[What do you mean by "secured internship"?](#)

You must have been selected as an intern by the organization before applying for an internship grant. As part of the application, you must have the internship supervisor at the organization sign the learning contract. [back to top](#)

[How do I tell the employer that I'm waiting for funding before accepting the position?](#)

You first need to make a decision about what you will do if you do not receive funding. If you are not able to do the internship or if you will only be able to intern part-time without funding, you need to let your internship supervisor know your situation. Funding decisions will be made no later than May 1. [back to top](#)

[When will I be notified about the grant?](#)

Final decisions on the grant recipients will be made no later than May 1. All students will be notified as to whether or not they received funding by May 1. [back to top](#)

[If I receive funding, what are the program requirements?](#)

If you receive funding, you will be required to submit:

- Signed code of conduct
- Three reports (1-2 pages each) at beginning, middle, and end of internship
- Informational Interview report
- Final evaluation of internship
- Final evaluation from Supervisor
- Participate in the Poster Session in the fall, or if you're studying abroad in the fall, submit the poster or report to career services before you leave and no later than September 12, 2008
- Attend required "pre-internship" meetings held in late April/early May

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