

# 2024 Summer Funding Opportunities - Brown University

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## IBES Summer Internship Program

Application opens January 19 and closes February 19, 2024 (apply through [Handshake](#))

Open to all Brown University students (except May 2024 graduates)

The Institute at Brown for Environment and Society has partnered with environmental organizations to offer paid summer internship experiences for Brown University undergraduate students. These awards allow students to explore career options and engage in experiential learning activities outside of the classroom. Please note - IBES will provide the intern with a stipend in place of a salary paid by the organization.

### 11 Dedicated Internships:

- [Audubon Society of Rhode Island](#) - 1 opening  
Stormwater Innovation
- [City of Providence Parks Department, RWP Botanical Center](#) - 1 opening
- [Orion Magazine](#) - 1 opening (virtual)
- [RI Nature Conservancy](#) - 3 openings
  - Coastal restoration - 2
  - Cities & climate change - 1
- [Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management](#) - 2 openings
  - Office of Air Resources (pending) - 1
  - Office of Natural Resources (pending) - 1
- [Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School](#) - 1 opening
- [University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics](#) - 2 openings  
Center for Ethics and Public Service, Community Equity Lab

### Funding:

- \$4,500 Stipend (some positions also provide a housing or travel allowance)
- \$2,900 Department Summer Earnings Waiver (DSEW) awards for students who qualify

## Voss Fellowships

Application opens January 19 and closes February 16, 2024 (apply through [UFUNDS](#))

Open to all Brown University rising seniors pursuing an honors thesis

Voss Fellowships are the premier training and funding opportunities for undergraduates interested in environmental research at Brown, offering awardees a large stipend in addition to dedicated funds for research expenses. They are open to rising seniors in any concentration who intend to pursue a summer research experience that will continue as an honors thesis project.

Voss Fellows typically conduct a summer project advised by a Brown faculty member or by a Brown faculty member in conjunction with an environmental practitioner based off-campus. In the fall and spring semesters of their senior year, Voss Fellows are provided with science communication training and professional development opportunities.

### Funding:

- \$5,000 stipend (domestic projects), \$6,500 stipend (international projects)
- \$2,000 for research expenses
- \$2,900 Department Summer Earnings Waiver (DSEW) awards for students who qualify

## Fellowship Expectations

- Attend monthly meetings to discuss research progress and provide feedback
- Create and present a poster of research findings at an annual event in the spring semester
- Submit a pdf copy of research poster for IBES records
- Deliver a digital research abstract for Voss Fellowship research project
- Provide a copy of your resume with permanent mailing address and non-Brown email

## **BrownConnect Summer and Semester Projects for Research, Internships and Teaching Awards (SPRINT)**

BrownConnect [SPRINT Awards](#) are a family of programs that support experiential learning by providing students with access to funding and opportunities both on campus and around the world. Base Stipend for all students: \$2500 domestic opportunities, \$3000 international opportunities.

The SPRINT program includes support for:

- Domestic and international internship programs in select fields, such as community-based organizations, entrepreneurship, and media, through Signature Programs;
- Research and curricular development opportunities at Brown through the UTRA program;
- Unpaid and low-paid internships through the LINK program

The goal of all these experiential learning opportunities is to enable students to:

1. Gain and apply new skills, and deepen existing ones
2. Engage in career exploration
3. Develop mentoring relationships
4. Contribute to positive outcomes for themselves and their communities

SPRINTs also provide financial support for students who may not be able to engage in such an opportunity without funding.

### **Dec 06 Deadline**

- [Brown in Washington](#): Undergraduate students to spend a summer as an intern with a Washington D.C.-based public agency or think tank focused on policy

### **Feb 01 Deadline**

- [Projects with Brown faculty - Undergraduate Teaching and Research Awards \(UTRA\)](#): Students may apply for research or course development positions posted by faculty (and list their preference) or with their own research project that a faculty member has endorsed (summer and semester)
- [Signature Partner Employer Programs](#): Signature domestic and international internships that are exclusive to Brown students (summer only).
  - o [Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship](#): Offers 4 undergraduate students an opportunity to participate in public interest law projects for a summer.
  - o **Careers in the Common Good in New York**: Connects students with non-profits, start-ups, and public service agencies (many of whom employ or are run by Brown alumni).
  - o [iProv Summer Fellowship](#): Provides 30 undergraduate students with a stipend (and a SEW, for qualifying students) to engage in 8-10 week internships with nonprofit organizations based in the greater Providence area

## Mid-Late Feb Deadline

- [Non-Brown internship and research opportunities \(LINK\)](#): Students may apply even if they do not have a position in place (summer only)

## Yale Conservation Scholars - Early Leadership Initiative

*formerly the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at University of Michigan/Yale School of the Environment*

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2024 (apply thorough [Yale website](#))

Led by Dr. Dorceta Taylor, Program Director and Principal Investigator, the Yale Conservation Scholars – Early Leadership Initiative (YCS- ELI) is a summer opportunity for undergraduates who are traditionally underrepresented in the conservation field and who are interested in careers in the sector. YCS-ELI is a part of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Sustainability Initiative (JEDSI) at Yale School of the Environment.

YCS-ELI is a nine-week summer internship commitment with enrichment activities throughout the academic year. Each year, scholars participate remotely in the program during the spring for orientation. Scholars will live in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, or Rhode Island during the summer, depending on their internship location. Scholars participate in program activities remotely through webinars or at conferences. Learn more at <https://conservationscholars.yale.edu>

## Royce Fellowships

The 2024 cycle will open in [UFunds](#) in December 2024

### Description

Established in 1996 through the generosity of Charles Royce, '61, the [Royce Fellowship](#) supports Brown undergraduates as they carry out independent engaged research projects of their own design in locations across the United States and around the world. Fellows conduct their research under the supervision of a faculty member and as part of an interdisciplinary cohort of students from across the university.

Every spring, up to twenty Brown undergraduates receive a Royce Fellowship of up to \$4,500 to pursue research, curricular development, or public service projects. Along with funding, the Royce Fellowship program confers lifetime membership in the Society of Royce Fellows, a community of student scholars, faculty fellows, and Royce alumni that offers a forum for reflection, inquiry, and intellectual engagement within the university. Six to eight faculty members offer Royce Fellows support and guidance.

As they complete their projects, fellows also become active participants in Brown's Society of Royce Fellows. Through monthly dinners, regular presentations and discussions, and visits from Royce alumni, students share their visions of independent academic research and service with their community of fellows. The Royce experience ultimately encourages both a deep commitment to students' own scholarly work and ideas and a sense of responsibility to the community and world beyond Brown.

### Eligibility

All rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who will be on campus for at least one full academic year are eligible for the Royce Fellowship Program. Rising second semester seniors ('.5s') are eligible for the fellowship only if they extend their remaining semester of credits over an entire academic year. This decision, however, must be made independently; the program will not support a student's decision to extend her or his time at Brown for the sole sake of eligibility.

For further information, please email [roycefellowship@brown.edu](mailto:roycefellowship@brown.edu).

## Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) through the National Science Foundation (NSF)

APPLICATIONS: Students must contact the individual site or program to apply. NSF does not have application materials and does not select student participants.

The [Research Experiences for Undergraduates \(REU\) program](#) supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. This solicitation features two mechanisms for support of student research: (1) REU Sites are based on independent proposals to initiate and conduct projects that engage a number of students in research. REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department or may offer interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme. Proposals with an international dimension are welcome. (2) REU Supplements may be included as a component of proposals for new or renewal NSF grants or cooperative agreements or may be requested for ongoing NSF-funded research projects.

Undergraduate student participants in either REU Sites or REU Supplements must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States.

Students do not apply to NSF to participate in REU activities. Students apply directly to REU Sites or to NSF-funded investigators who receive REU Supplements. To identify appropriate REU Sites, students should consult the directory of active REU Sites on the Web at [https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu\\_search.cfm](https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm).

## Department Summer Funding

Some departments may have their own summer funding. Below is an example of Environmental Studies funding.

### IBES Environmental Studies and Sciences Summer Research and Internship Awards

Application Deadline: Early April (apply through [UFUNDS](#))

IBES has some funding available for substantive summer research and internship experiences in fields relevant to the environmental studies and sciences concentrations at Brown. These awards are for ENVIS concentrators who were not eligible to receive university funding, or whose applications for funding were not accepted (ie. LINK, UTRA, Royce, Voss). **Students who apply for the IBES award, but are offered summer 2024 funding from another source, MUST accept that opportunity in lieu of IBES Funding.**

#### Funding:

- \$4000 stipend (domestic projects), \$5,500 stipend (international projects)

#### Eligibility:

- These awards are available to declared Environmental Studies and Sciences concentrators who will be enrolled as juniors or seniors at Brown in Fall 2024 (May 2024 graduates are not eligible).
- International students are eligible to apply, but may be subject to tax withdrawals if their nation of citizenship does not have treaty benefits with the US - please contact the [Brown Payroll Office](#) if you have questions regarding this matter.
- Students must file (or have already filed) an I-9 with Brown University HR in order to receive a summer stipend.

#### Restrictions:

- These awards may **not** be combined with other funding from Brown, such as UTRAs, Voss, Royce, or Link. *However, students receiving partial funding from an employer or organization not connected to the university may receive supplemental support from IBES, if the experience will enhance their education.*

## Program Expectations

- These awards are designed to fund significant summer experiences that fulfill a minimum of 320 hours of supervised work by August 31, 2024.
- Participants need to provide a one paragraph mid-summer check-in and 1-2 page end of summer summary about their experience. If possible, we also want photos taken of awardees working in the field.
- Selected students and the organizations they work with will be required to submit feedback forms at the end of the summer.

## Other Resources

### BrownConnect

Undergraduates also benefit from [BrownConnect](#)'s success in sourcing internships and research opportunities from the Brown community, giving them invaluable real-world experience

### Handshake

[Handshake](#), Brown's main job board, is reserved for full and part-time jobs and internships that allow Brown students to explore different careers, learn and develop valuable skills, and make meaningful contributions to organizations.

### Research at Brown Grants

[Research at Brown \(RAB\) grants](#) support student-initiated research projects and travel to present their research at conferences. Students may submit proposals for up to \$500 of funding at any time. Applications are considered on a rolling basis

### IBES Student Newsletter

This weekly bulletin has a jobs and opportunities section, which includes listings for internships and fellowships. If you need to be added to our mailing list, send a request to [jeannel@brown.edu](mailto:jeannel@brown.edu)



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