



Office of Competitive  
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# Summer Fellowship: Leadership for the Public Good

## Award Description

The Office of Competitive Fellowships and Awards (OCFA) at Towson University seeks to encourage and support students in activities aligned with TU's mission of preparing graduates who will serve as effective, ethical leaders and engaged citizens.

The summer fellowship will support 2 students to engage in efforts that aim to effect positive change in communities on- and off- campus and that will foster TU student leaders for the public good. We are looking to support activities that include community engagement, internships, or research (or a combination of two or more of these activities) occurring over a 10 week-period in summer. Collaboration or partnership with an external organization is highly encouraged, and students should be the drivers of the project. Projects must not be part of a class assignment. Students are required to identify a faculty mentor for their project with whom they will work on the project. Students must submit a report, give an oral presentation about their project in the fall semester at the fall forum, and meet separately with the Director of the OCFA and their faculty mentor during the period of the award.

The stipend for 10 weeks is \$5,000. Faculty mentors will receive a stipend of \$1000 for mentoring the student in the summer. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mary Sajini Devadas at [tucfa@towson.edu](mailto:tucfa@towson.edu).

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# Leadership for the Public Good FAQ

## Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must:

- be undergraduate students in their first, sophomore or junior year working towards a bachelor's degree;
- be enrolled at TU in Fall in the following academic year;
- have at least a 3.0 GPA
- agree to meet all responsibilities of the award;
- identify a faculty mentor for their project (faculty mentors will receive up to \$1000 honorarium for mentoring students in the summer).

## What is the submission process and deadline?

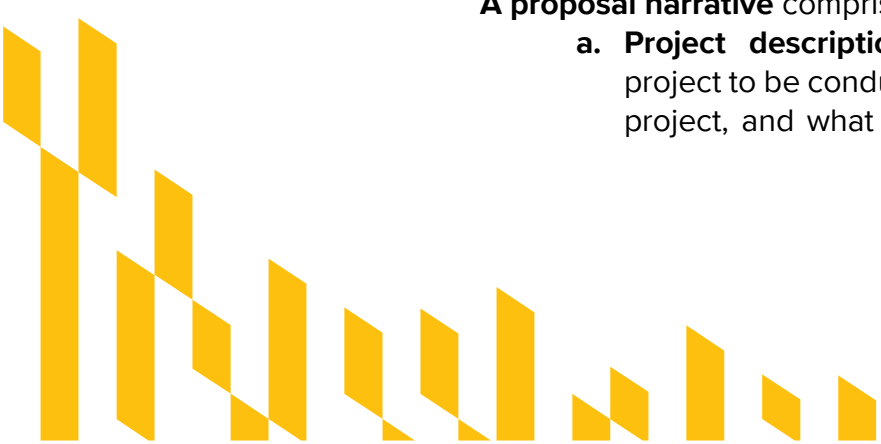
- All application material that the student is responsible for should be submitted via this Microsoft Office Form <https://forms.office.com/r/kxbQ2rrP6w> by the fourth Friday in March each year.
- The faculty mentor recommendation/letter of support – This should be uploaded by the faculty mentor by the deadline which is the same as the application deadline, the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in March each year to this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/BNFz6SxWhV>. The letter of support from the faculty mentor should describe the degree to which the project narrative and idea is the students work and their agreement to mentor the student through the summer.

## What must my application include?

The application should include the following along with other details as requested in the form.

**A proposal narrative** comprising of:

- a. Project description** (max. 1000 words). Describe the project to be conducted, your preparation to undertake the project, and what you hope to accomplish. Describe any



partners, sites, and pertinent resources necessary for this project.

**b. Project timeline** (detailed weekly activities planned).

Upload the two sections above (a and b) together in a single pdf document via the application form.

#### What are the conditions of the award?

- Students are required to meet the director once they submit the grant acknowledgment form to discuss award conditions.
- Students will complete payroll paperwork with Mr. Richard Patterson [rpatterson@towson.edu](mailto:rpatterson@towson.edu).
- The students are expected to devote at least 300 hours to the project during the summer over a 10-week period; meet with their faculty advisor and the director during their award tenure periodically; and complete all reporting requirements which includes a submission of the final report here <https://forms.office.com/r/cpeLUnufcZ> by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year.

