Looking for funding for your unpaid or low-paying summer internship? The BrownConnect LINK/SEW Award Program can help!

**Program Overview**

Each year, Brown awards stipends to students pursuing unpaid or low-paying summer internships. These awards allow students to explore all career fields. Students must apply for or secure an internship that is unpaid or that pays less than $1,500 before applying for funds. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. The program is funded by Brown alums and parents, the Office of Financial Aid, as well as other Brown departments and is administered by the Center for Careers and Life After Brown.

**Student Eligibility**

You can apply if you meet ALL of the following criteria:

- You are an active Brown undergraduate rising sophomore, junior, or senior (not on LOA from Brown)
- You have applied for or secured an unpaid summer internship or one that pays $1,500 or less
- You are returning to study at Brown in the fall term following the proposed internship
- You have not already received a LINK/SEW award. NOTE: Students that have previously participated in a BrownConnect funded signature program are not eligible to apply
- You have not received other funding for the proposed internship (except payment of $1,500 or less). This includes funding from another Brown University award

**Eligible Programs**

Eligible summer internships for Brown LINK Awards:

- Unpaid or low-paying internship ($1,500 or less including stipend and/or housing, transportation)
- Minimum of 240 hours of supervised work (equivalent to 6 weeks of work at 40 hours/week)
- Offered during the summer and completed by the start of undergraduate orientation
- Supervised by a professional in the organization who agrees to follow LINK guidelines

Ineligible experiences/projects/programs:

- Tuition-based, and/or summer internship placement programs, including those with an internship component
- Internships, projects, or programs that award course credit
- Non-credit courses, training programs, or volunteer/service-based opportunities that do not contain any professional, experiential learning component
- Internships provided to students through placement organizations
- Organizations and programs with funding expectations for their interns and employees
- Projects that meet criteria for Brown’s UTRA (Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistantships) Program or programs sponsored by Brown University faculty or department
- Pre-thesis research, at Brown or elsewhere, without a significant experiential learning component
- LINK funding cannot be used to complete an internship in a location on the Office of International Programs’ Travel Prohibition List or the State Department’s Internships High-Risk Travel list
- Projects with an organization involved with the use, production, testing, or distribution of recreational or medical marijuana
- LINK funding may not be used to support opportunities with political campaigns.
- General summer camp counselor positions
- Experiences that are project based in nature due to their affiliation with a Brown student club, organization, or class and/or experiences that are a continuation of work done with a Brown club or organization during the academic year

**How to Apply**

Apply online at [https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

LINK is a competitive program. Please visit our webpage [http://brown.edu/campus-life/support/careerlab/link](http://brown.edu/campus-life/support/careerlab/link) for information about programs to attend and ways to prepare

*For more information about the program, please contact BrownConnect, at brownconnect@brown.edu*