

Q. *What is the difference between a LINK and a Summer Earnings Waiver (SEW)?*

A. BrownConnect LINK is a funded award – selected students receive a stipend in the form of one lumped sum check at the beginning of the summer. The SEW waives the summer earning requirement for students on financial aid. The SEW is posted on a student's financial aid package at the beginning of the fall term following their summer internship. Students can only receive one SEW once during their time at Brown, either with their LINK or UTRA award (if a student receives both a LINK and UTRA during their time at Brown, the SEW will accompany the award the student receives first).

Q. *How do I apply for BrownConnect LINK/SEW? Can I apply for both?*

A. Complete the LINK UFUNDS application, which must include an uploaded resume, signed supervisor form, organization and position description and personal statement. If you are selected to receive a LINK award and have a summer earnings requirement, you will also automatically receive the SEW. Students are only eligible to receive a LINK/SEW or UTRA/SEW bundle once during their time at Brown.

Q. *What is the difference between the two deadlines?*

A. There is almost no difference between the two deadlines. Domestic award amounts are the same in the both rounds and students can apply for and receive SEWs in both rounds. International internship stipends are funded in the first round. Please note, the earlier you can apply the better!

Q. *Can I submit more than one application if I'm applying for multiple internships?*

A. No. You can only submit one application for one internship opportunity. If you don't get funded in the first round you can apply for the second round with a *different* internship.

Q. *Am I eligible to receive a Brown LINK/SEW award if I receive funding from another Brown department for the proposed internship?*

A. No.

Q. *I've participated in other BrownConnect Signature Programs like CCG in NYC or the iProv programs. Can I still apply for a LINK/SEW award?*

A. No. Signature programs are funded by the LINK program and therefore count towards your one LINK award during your time at Brown. The only exception is the CCG wintership program which is not a LINK award.

Q. *I won't know if I have the internship until after the deadline. Can I still apply?*

A. Yes. The organization must complete the Supervisor Statement Form stating you are being considered.

Q. *I'm interning outside of the United States. Can I apply for funding?*

A. Yes. Students interning outside of the US should apply in the first round. If you receive an international opportunity after the first deadline, contact the BrownConnect office. LINK funding cannot be used for travel to a location on the Office of International Programs' Travel Prohibition List.

Q. *Can I combine two shorter internships as long as the total equals 240 hours?*

A. No. The 240 hours (the equivalent of working six weeks full-time) is beneficial in developing skills and knowledge, setting and attaining your goals, as well as building a meaningful relationship with your employer.

Q. *I found a summer volunteer opportunity with an organization that requires a program fee. Am I eligible for Brown LINK/SEW funding?*

A. No. These awards cannot be used to pay for program fees. The funding is limited to internship opportunities only. The donors have specified their money be used for career exploration that includes mentoring, developing key skills and furthering students' long-term career goals.

Q. *I would like to do a fee-based summer program that includes an internship component. Am I eligible?*

A. No. Tuition-based programs are ineligible for Brown LINK funding. Many fee-based programs have scholarship money available or a payment plan can be arranged to make the cost easier to manage.

Q. *What makes a strong application?*

A. Committees look closely at your personal statement and how the internship opportunity relates to career exploration and your goals.

Q. *What information is needed from the supervisor?*

A. A representative from the organization must complete the Supervisor Statement acknowledging that:

- ❖ You are being considered or have been offered the internship
- ❖ The internship is unpaid or you will earn less than \$1,000 for the entire summer
- ❖ You will work under the supervision of a professional at the organization for a minimum of 240 hours (equivalent of six weeks full-time)
- ❖ The internship does not require a program fee to participate

Q. *Can my supervisor email/mail their letter CareerLAB?*

A. No. Students must upload a completed/signed Supervisor Statement form with your application in UFUNDS.

Q. *I'm having trouble getting the organization materials prepared by my supervisor. How do I proceed?*

A. An alternate representative may complete the Supervisor Statement. If you are having trouble getting the materials needed from the sponsoring organization please contact Sarah_Brown1@brown.edu immediately and at least three business days prior to the deadline.