

Patricia Tomson Center for Violence Prevention
O. Jay and Patricia Tomson Internship Scholarship (OJPTIS)
Application Form for Internships During
Academic Year 2024-2025

Through a generous donation to the Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention (PATCVP) from O. Jay and Patricia A. Tomson, the PATCVP offers financial support for eligible students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences who are undertaking internships in agencies, non-profit organizations, associations, or government agencies that have a focus on interpersonal violence such as child maltreatment, sexual, domestic, and family violence.

Internships in which students are focusing such violence in a non-victim service oriented agency may be considered. Focus areas may include policy development, partnership/coalition development, criminal justice issues, education etc.

Depending on the number of applicants, unique characteristics of the internship (e.g. location, travel, and length of the internship) or applicant needs, the individual scholarship awards may vary in the amount awarded.

Eligibility:

University of Northern Iowa students who are pursuing an internship experience for course credit in the violence prevention field and/or providing services to victims/survivors of domestic, sexual or family violence. Internships may be at the undergraduate or graduate level. Volunteer experiences are not eligible for the scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements for Tomson Scholarship:

1. Academic achievement (3.0 GPA or better).
2. Have a declared major in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS), or pursuing a graduate degree in a program found in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
3. Enrolled in an internship/practicum course associated with an undergraduate major or a graduate program in CSBS. The internship should be an upper level/senior level type of internship, or associated with the program of study leading to a graduate degree.
4. Have an internship agreement with a non-profit agency, association or government department who has a focus on the prevention or provision of services to victims/survivors of domestic, sexual or family violence. Or, alternatively will provide a scope of work focused on prevention, victim services, or work with offenders in an agency setting in which the primary mission of the agency, association or government department is broader in scope.
5. Demonstrated interpersonal and professional skills necessary to interface with the public, agency personnel and/or clients, or the potential thereof.
6. Have a foundational understanding of the dynamics or issues associated with domestic, sexual, family, or community violence.
7. Ability to participate in a scholarship recipient reception and presentation of internship experience.

Criteria for Internship sites:

- Internship sites or internship scope of work shall have a focus on providing prevention from at least one level of the multisystemic public health model of prevention and/or services to victims/survivors of domestic, sexual or family violence or those who cause such harm.
- Have capability of providing supervision of interns in a manner that enhances their educational and professional development.
- Can provide interns with enhanced knowledge and skills in violence prevention and/or victim/survivor services.
- Collaborate with the PATCVP and the student's academic/internship supervisor to provide periodic feedback and

evaluation on the intern's development and performance.

What are the expectations associated with the scholarship?

Students are expected to fulfill the expectations of their internships as determined by their Department and their faculty supervisor.

Additional expectations for the Tomson scholarship recipients are:

- Provide timely feedback to periodic requests from the PATCVP on the Tomson Scholars Program
- Complete an exit statement form at the end of the internship
- Participation in an end of the year reception for Tomson Scholars

How do I apply?

Students interested in applying for the OJPTIS should submit the following to the PATCVP (309 Sabin Hall, UNI):

- A completed OJPTIS Application form
- Personal Statement
- Resume or CV
- Academic transcript or verification of having a GPA of at least 3.0

When is it due?

Tomson Scholarships are available for internships during the academic year as well as the summer sessions. We encourage students to submit their applications once their internship placements have been arranged.

For full consideration, and timely processing, students should submit their application **by the Friday before the semester/session in which their internship begins**. Applications submitted after this time will be considered as funds allow. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Will there be other opportunities?

Through a generous endowment by the Tomson family we expect to offer this scholarship program for the foreseeable future.

What if I have questions?

Questions regarding the internship may be directed to Alysa Mozak (alysa.mozak@uni.edu) or Dr. Michael Fleming (Michael.fleming@uni.edu) at the PATCVP, or by phone at 319 273-3545.



Application Form

Name:

Address:

UNI Email:

Alternative Email:

Phone:

Program of Study

For Undergraduates, what is your major?

For graduate students, what graduate program are you in?

What year are you in your studies?

Contact information for an academic reference.

Internship course name and number of credits:

Faculty Internship Supervisor

What foundational knowledge/courses or experiences do you have in understanding violence prevention or services for victims/survivors of violence that you will be building upon in your internship?

Internship Site Information

Name/address of internship site:

Internship supervisor name and contact information:

When will be the start and approximate end date of your internship experience?

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What will be your primary responsibilities at the internship?

Explain how the scope of work connects with the violence prevention and/or services for victims/survivors of violence.

How will this scholarship financially support your internship?

Personal Statement

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Please share with us why you have chosen this internship and what skills and knowledge you are hoping to gain from it. How does the internship inform your career aspirations?