

Center for Violence Prevention
O. Jay and Patricia Tomson Internship Scholarship
Application for
Spring 2019

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

Internships where students may be focusing on such issues in a non-victim service oriented agency will be considered as well. Focus areas may include related 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, the length of the internship) or applicant needs, the individual scholarship awards will vary.

Who is eligible?

University of Northern Iowa students who are pursuing an internship experience 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.

What criteria do I need to meet?

O. Jay and Patricia 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 CSBS.
3. Enrolled in an internship course associated with a major in CSBS. The internship should be an upper level/senior level type of internship, or associated with the program of study leading to the 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.
5. Students should be able to participate in a CVP Tomson Leadership Development training associated with the internship.
6. Demonstrated interpersonal and professional skills necessary to interface with the public, agency personnel and/or clients, or the potential thereof.
7. Have a foundational understanding of the dynamics or issues associated with domestic, sexual, family, or community violence.
8. Ability to participate in a scholarship recipient reception and presentation of internship experience.
9. *Internships need to end by December 31, 2019.*

Criteria for Internship sites:

- Internship sites shall have a focus on providing prevention from at least one level of the multi-systemic public health model of prevention and/or services to victims/survivors of domestic, sexual or family

violence.

- Have capability of providing supervision of interns in a manner that enhances their educational and professional development.
- Collaborate with the CVP and the student's academic/internship supervisor to provide periodic feedback and evaluation on the intern's development and performance.

How do I apply?

Students interested in applying for the scholarship should submit the following to the Center for Violence Prevention (309 Sabin Hall, UNI):

- A letter of interest in which you indicate/address:
 - Your name, major or graduate program, anticipated graduation semester, and when you anticipate undertaking the internship.
 - The internship course and number of credits.
 - How the scholarship will financially support your internship.
 - Name/address of internship site along with proposed scope of work while undertaking the internship. Why you are undertaking the internship and what you are hoping to learn from the internship. Students should include verification of acceptance of the internship site and/or contact information for the on-site supervisor.
- Resume or CV.
- Personal statement that highlights how the internship experience will inform your career aspirations.
- Academic transcript or verification of having a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Contact information for an academic reference.

When is it due?

We encourage students to submit their applications once their internship placements have been arranged.

Spring 2019 internships: applications should be submitted by *January 14th* for full consideration. Applications submitted after this time will be considered as funds allow. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Will there be other opportunities?

We anticipate offering financial support for students undertaking internships in summer and fall 2019.

What if I have questions?

Questions regarding the internship may be directed to Dr. Alan Heisterkamp (alan.heisterkamp@uni.edu) or Dr. Michael Fleming (Michael.fleming@uni.edu) at the Center for Violence Prevention, or by calling the CVP at 273-3545.

