ITPIR SUMMER FELLOWS PROGRAM

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE THEORY & PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

With the support of the Bob Trice '68 and Susan Trice '68 International Fellowship Endowment and the Freeman-Asia Award, the Institute for the Theory & Practice of International Relations (ITPIR) provides international experiential learning opportunities to W&M students. The ITPIR Summer Fellows Program pairs highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students with W&M Faculty and international organizations to conduct research and promote capacity building around the world.

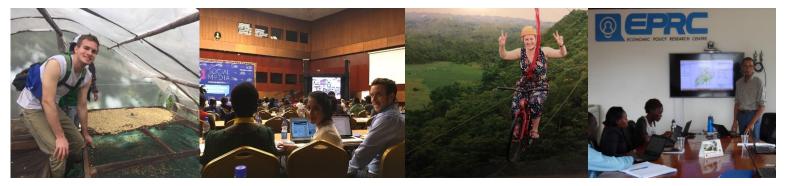
THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME





WHO ARE SUMMER FELLOWS?

The ITPIR Summer Fellows Program is **student focused**. W&M students in the program bridge the theory/practice gap by applying research in the field. ITPIR Summer Fellows employ their skills and determination to help solve real world problems – such as measuring remoteness in Nepal, visualizing deforestation in Peru, or mapping extremist violence in the Philippines. These experiences give W&M students a significant advantage as they join the international workforce.



2018 SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

*Please note: selected fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$5,000, depending on the location and time spent incountry, to support their travel and lodging costs.

American Nicaraguan Foundation – Managua, Nicaragua | 1 Fellow | 10 weeks

The American Nicaraguan Foundation (ANF) is a nonprofit organization that aims to mitigate the effects of poverty in Nicaragua. The summer fellow will help ANF develop its training and capacity-building model, specifically the model implemented in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions. The fellow will analyze the efficiency of these interventions and recognize areas of improvement.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate and graduate students of all majors

Required skills:

- Fluency in Spanish. Fellow will be required to read, write, speak to the organization's beneficiaries, and make presentations to ANF staff in Spanish
- Experience conducting social science research
- Knowledge of international development

Eric Arias, Project on Community Policing and Public Trust – Medellín, Colombia I 2 Fellows I 6 weeks W&M Assistant Professor in Government Eric Arias's project attempts to address the challenge of building trust and cooperation between police and citizens in Medellín, Colombia. He uses a randomized controlled trial to evaluate the effect of two treatments—police-community dialogues and provision of information related to citizen security—on citizen attitudes toward the police, police perceptions of citizens, and rates of reporting of crimes and of suspicious activity. The summer fellows will assist in data collection, management, and analysis as well as the day-to-day operations of the field experiment.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate and graduate students of all majors

Required skills:

- Econometric skills
- Data management in Stata or R

and/or

- Project management/field experience
- Experience with RCTs, surveys, and large-scale projects
- Desired skills:
 - GIS skills
 - Knowledge of Spanish

Open Sustainability Institute – Kampala, Uganda | 2 Fellows | 10 weeks

The Open Sustainability Institute (OSI) is an independent think tank working to rally the power of people to create balanced and shared prosperity while working in harmony with nature. The summer fellows at OSI will work at the forefront of debates surrounding equitable access to data and knowledge. The fellows will conduct research, author reports and blog posts, engage with the public on social media, and more.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate and graduate students of all majors

Required skills:

- Strong data skills, including synthesis and interpretation
- Strong writing and analytical skills to highlight best practices in agroecology

S.P. Harish, Project on Energy Access in India – Lucknow, India | 1 Fellow | 8 weeks

W&M Assistant Professor in Government S.P. Harish's project aims to develop a holistic understanding of demand for electricity and the business potential of solar mini-grids in rural India. The summer fellow will work with incountry partner to design the randomized controlled trials, conduct supervised field visits, and produce reports.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate and graduate students of all majors

Required skills:

- Experience working on field experiments
- Data management in Stata or R

Desired skills:

- GIS skills
- Knowledge of Hindi

CheckMySchool - Quezon City, The Philippines | 2 Fellows | 10 weeks

CheckMySchool (CMS) is a participatory monitoring initiative for the education sector in the Philippines. In the last cycle, CMS volunteers monitored and collected data on 893 public schools. The summer fellow will be given access to these data and will propose a framework for data management and analysis.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate students of all majors who are rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors and are U.S. citizens. Selected fellows must take a designated Coll 300 course, "Freeman Fellows Think Tank," in Fall 2018.

Required skills:

- Data management in SPSS
- Quantitative and qualitative data processing

East-West Management Institute – Southeast Asia | 1-3 Fellows | 10 weeks

The East-West Management Institute (EWMI) works to strengthen democratic societies. The summer fellows will work with EWMI's local partners to develop monitoring and evaluation metrics for their web platform as well as using existing data to identify user personas and profiles.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate students of all majors who are rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors and are U.S. citizens. Selected fellows must take a designated Coll 300 course, "Freeman Fellows Think Tank," in Fall 2018.

Required skills:

- Background in computer science or IT development
- Knowledge of open data and open source principles
- Experience in UI design and ability to write user personas and profiles

S.P. Harish, Project on Insights from Parliamentary Speeches – Singapore | 1 Fellow | 8 weeks

W&M Assistant Professor in Government S.P. Harish's project aims to understand how and why elected members choose to talk on a specific topic in parliament. Based in Singapore, the summer fellow will work with in-country partner to collect and analyze parliamentary texts from both Indonesia and Singapore.

Eligibility: W&M undergraduate students of all majors who are rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors and are U.S. citizens. Selected fellows must take a designated Coll 300 course, "Freeman Fellows Think Tank," in Fall 2018.

Required skills:

• Fluency in Bahasa Indonesia or Bahasa Melayu (reading, writing, and speaking) Desired skills:

• Experience with text analysis in R

APPLICATION MATERIALS

The ITPIR Summer Fellows Program is open to W&M students of all majors. All fellowships, except those in Southeast Asia, are open to undergraduate and graduate students. Selected fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$5,000, depending on the location and time spent in-country, to support their travel and lodging costs.

To apply for the program, please send the following to <u>summerfellows@wm.edu</u> by January 3, 2018 at 11:59pm:

- Cover letter explaining why you want to be a summer fellow, include which fellowship(s) you would like to apply for and why you would be a good fit
- Resume that includes cumulative and major GPAs
- Unofficial college transcript
- Writing sample from a previous class or independent research project of 5-10 pages in length (an excerpt from larger documents is acceptable). Depending on the particular fellowship(s) that you are interested in, we may request other materials

All submitted files must be in Adobe PDF format and must follow this naming format:

- Lastname.Firstname.Graduationyear.Coverletter
- Lastname.Firstname.Graduationyear.Resume
- Lastname.Firstname.Graduationyear.Transcript
- Lastname.Firstname.Graduationyear.Writingsample

IMPORTANT DATES

November 13, 2017: Application window opens

November 29-30, 2017: Info sessions on application process at ITPIR (427 Scotland Street, 3rd floor) at 5pm January 3, 2018: Applications due to <u>summerfellows@wm.edu</u> at 11:59pm

January 10, 2018: We will contact finalists via email to schedule interviews during the first week of spring classes

If you have any questions, please contact the summer fellows team at <u>summerfellows@wm.edu</u>.