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A: Funds would be disbursed through Bursar within 7-10 days of email confirmation from OADI.

Q2: How long does it take to receive grant money?
A: It takes about 10 business days after you receive notification of your award.

Q3: If I don’t participate in the general events and I’m not a program member but OADI pays part of my work study, am I eligible for funding?
A: No

Q4: When do you review applications? When will I hear about the status of my application?
A: We begin reviewing applications one business day after the application deadline. We will notify you of your status within one week if there are questions (note: there is no need to contact us before that date), and within two weeks with the final funding decision.

Q5: Can OADI pay my tuition of program fees if I am seeking funding for a credit bearing opportunity (Global Health...)?
A: No, but we may be able to assist you with related costs.

Q6: How long does it take to be considered an active OADI student?
A: One semester, at least!

Q7: How do you define active OADI members? Does attending co-sponsored events count?
A: Active members are students that are members of the programs listed on the application. We do, however, consider students that are not members of these programs active OADI members if they utilize the OADI space often and OADI staff member know them. Attending events that are co-sponsored by OADI does not count towards our evaluation of active OADI students.

Q8: How often must I visit the OADI office to be considered an active member if I am not a member of OADI programs?
A: If staff members do not know you or recognize your name, then it would be safe to assume that you are not an active OADI student that visits the office frequently. If you have been to the office for events, to use resources or other services LESS than 6 times in a semester, you are not an active student. Stop by and learn how you can get involved!

Q9: If I have been accepted to an unpaid research or internship program, can OADI pay me a salary for my work?
A: No. OADI would only be able to provide funding for the expenses you incur while participating in the program (i.e. travel, lodging, food, etc.).
Q10: Are there additional sources of funding?
A: Yes. Below are descriptions of Cornell Affiliated Programs & Grants that provide funding for summer internships and research opportunities. You are strongly encouraged to visit your school’s website and search “grants”, “scholarships”, etc. for find additional sources of funding.

**Community Partnership (CPB) Awards**

The Community Partnership (CPB) awards up to $2000 for student-initiated, grassroots service projects that address an unmet community need. All Cornell students may apply through the Cornell Public Service Center. Deadline: Early fall semester

**Public Service Center Scholars**

As Scholars, students are provided with support, faculty mentorship, and funding resources to see their community projects come to fruition. Students will have access to various leadership development and skill based training opportunities to support their work in the community. Additionally, Scholars will have access to a professional development fund, which enables them to receive funding for opportunities such as travel to national conferences and workshops off campus. Deadline: Typically in October

**Harry Caplan Travel Fellowships**

The College of Arts & Sciences will award two travel fellowships of $4,000 for summer travel to Europe or the Near East. These awards, in honor of one of the College's most beloved teachers and scholars of classics, are for juniors who have serious and developed interest in some aspect of the subjects Harry Caplan loved: ancient Greek and Latin cultures, medieval Latin literature, especially drama, ancient Jewish culture, rhetoric. The fellowships are meant to afford students the opportunity to enrich their understanding of the classical traditions of our civilization. Some students propose research projects or participation in a summer program; others propose intense and focused tourism. Interested Juniors may apply. Deadline: November

**The Janet McKinley ’74 Family Grant**

The Janet McKinley ’74 Family Grant is open to all Cornell sophomores for the purpose of assisting students in pursuing interesting, provocative, and entrepreneurial summer projects, with the intent of having a direct and lasting impact on many generations of Cornell students. The stipend for the summer experience will cover related costs up to $5,000. Deadline: March 4, 2013

**Hatfield Award**

The Robert S. Hatfield Award will be granted annually. Each Spring, up to $1,000.00 will be awarded to an undergraduate, graduate student, or faculty member with a demonstrated interest in studying ethical considerations in business. The award can be used to help fund a research project, to attend a conference, or to defray travel costs to visit a corporate executive, with the purpose of studying the real life implications of ethics in business. Deadline: April 8, 2013

**The Harrop and Ruth Freeman Fellowship**
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This grant is designed to encourage Cornell undergraduates to pursue summer work related to peace studies and conflict resolution in an otherwise unpaid position with a not-for-profit organization. The stipend provides up to $1,200 per month for up to two months. Deadline: April 15, 2013

Cornell Tradition

The Cornell Tradition recognizes and rewards outstanding undergraduates who demonstrate significant work experience, a commitment to campus and/or community service, and academic achievement. Funds are available for Tradition Fellows to help offset costs of the following: 1) living expenses for a summer career and/or non-profit summer internship; 2) living expenses for a service/leadership experience during winter and/or spring break; and 3) service or leadership projects during the academic year. Deadline: Early May to gain access to funds for the following summer. (Cornell Tradition is part of Cornell Commitment, which offers additional programs for students committed to research and leadership.)

Develop Your Own Internships

Students eligible for Federal Work-Study money can develop their own paid internships with non-profit organizations or small for-profit companies. If all aspects of the DYO Program are satisfied, Cornell will reimburse the employer for a portion of your wages: non-profit employers receive up to 75% and for-profit employers 50% of your gross earnings. The typical summer FWS award is $4,000. An information session is typically held in March. Deadline: May 17, 2013

Latino Studies Research Grant Funding

Undergraduate Research Grants are available to undergraduate students who wish to engage in research projects whose ultimate goal is to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the Latino/a experience in the United States. The program is designed primarily for students who enroll in LSP independent study courses. However, students need not be enrolled in independent studies to qualify. Other projects will be considered as well as those who are working on a senior thesis. Students enrolled in public service and internship programs are encouraged to apply. Only full-time Cornell University students who are sophomores or upperclassmen, and in good academic standing with a G.P.A of at least a 3.0 are eligible. Preference will be given to proposals for research projects that are to be conducted during the regular academic year, but proposals for summer research will be considered if the project can only be conducted during this period. Deadline: October

ILR: International Experience Grants

Eligible Students: ILR undergraduates and graduate students. ILR International Programs invites students to apply for a limited number of travel grants aimed at supporting ILR-related activities abroad. Please note that all travel must be completed while still registered as a full time student. These small grants are intended to subsidize a student's budget and should not be seen as the exclusive source of financing. Amount: Awards typically range from $500 to $2,000 (maximum)*. Application Deadline: February.

Human Ecology Summer Research Stipends for Undergraduates

The College of Human Ecology provides a limited number of $4,000 stipends to CHE undergraduates who will be involved in full-time summer research with a CHE faculty member. Both the student and the...
faculty member must be in CHE. All currently enrolled CHE students may apply provided that they have a CHE faculty research advisor, are in good academic standing, and will be continuing as CHE undergraduate students in the fall semester. Students must be available for a full-time, 8-week summer research position. Simultaneous enrollment in courses is not permitted. Students must submit short reports at the end of the research experience.

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