



Spirit of '76 Undergraduate Fellowship Funding Opportunities

All Princeton University funding opportunities, including those from individual departments, the Office of the Dean of the College, and other offices and programs on campus are posted through the [Student Activities Funding Engine \(SAFE\)](#). The James Madison Program administers its various funding opportunities through its Spirit of '76 Fellowship Funding Program.

Please note the following:

- The Madison Program has an inflexible limit on total funding per student. For the 2023–24 academic year, no student will receive more than \$2,500. This is a cumulative limit and may be divided among numerous projects, internships, and/or study programs.
- The Madison Program will award and distribute funding at its discretion using the requirements and general considerations listed below as guidelines for their final decisions. Should a student's application fail to meet the stipulated criteria, the Madison Program reserves the right not to award funding.
- The Madison Program is not partisan and **will not** provide funding for projects, programs, or conferences that are distinctly partisan.

Application Requirements

- Each of the Madison Program's funding opportunities are reserved exclusively for members of its [Undergraduate Fellows Forum](#).
- All projects, internships, and study programs must be related to the applicant's academic coursework or areas of research.
- Seniors seeking funding must complete their project/internship/study program prior to graduation.
- As with all University-sponsored overnight travel outside of the greater New York City/Philadelphia area, funding is contingent on safe traveling conditions in the region and on registering your trip information in the [Enroll My Trip platform](#). **Please note that awarded funds will not be disbursed if you do not complete your Travel Enrollment.**
- All projects involving human subjects (including interviewing and surveying) require approval from Princeton's [Institutional Review Board \(IRB\)](#).
- All projects involving animal subjects require approval from Princeton's [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee \(IACUC\)](#).

General Considerations¹

- Duration of membership with the Undergraduate Fellows Forum.
- Degree of engagement in the Undergraduate Fellows Forum.

¹ For practical examples of these considerations, see below.

- The extent to which the project/internship/study program represents a genuine educational endeavor.
 - Will the research project or conference attendance result in an academic product (e.g., a paper, presentation, or published opinion piece)?
 - Will the study program or internship have a substantial impact on the applicant's education or professional prospects?
- The necessity and appropriateness of the project/internship/study program's components.
 - Are there aspects of the project that could reasonably be omitted (thereby reducing costs) while still achieving the same educational effect?
- The extent to which the project, internship, or study program is related to American ideals and institutions. (This is not a requirement.)

Post-Project Requirements

- Award recipients are required to submit a report of the project, conference, internship, or study program once complete. Within 30 days of the completion of your project, please provide Michael Schmidt (michael.schmidt@princeton.edu) a summary of your work and how the experience benefitted you. This summary will be included in an annual report to the James Madison Program's Advisory Council.

Examples of Low- and High-Priority Projects

Low Priority:

1. **Student A's application was submitted immediately after their acceptance to the Undergraduate Fellows Forum.** *(Did this student join the UFF only to receive funding?)*
2. **Student B seeks to travel across the country to survey civilians on a current political issue.** *(Is this project necessary? Does it have any bearing on the student's current academic work? Does this research already exist? What is the intended product of this research?)*
3. **Student C seeks to travel to attend a conference that appears unrelated to their current academic coursework.** *(To what extent is this project academic? Is it just an exploration of an obliquely related extracurricular interest?)*

High Priority:

1. **Student A is an active and engaged member of the UFF and seeks partial funding for a project that's directly related to their coursework/areas of research and addresses issues of American ideals and institutions.**
2. **Student B seeks to travel to interview an individual whose research directly bears on their coursework/areas of study.**
3. **Student C seeks to travel to speak at, present at, or attend a conference at which multiple panels discuss topics that are directly related to the student's thesis.**