

## **Fink Career Fellowship FAQs**

### **What types of projects have received funding from the Fink Fellowship?**

The most common experiences that have received Fink Career Fellowship funding have included internships, projects, and conference attendance or presentation. Thus, our application process has been geared toward these opportunities. Previously funded projects include: prototypes for an entrepreneurial endeavor, symposia, institutes, certification courses, independent research, and expeditions. If your experience falls outside of the internship and conference area, please do not hesitate to contact Career Advisor Casey Duffy ([cduffy01@esf.edu](mailto:cduffy01@esf.edu)) to discuss your ideas. There is absolutely room for creative/unique ideas!

### **What is the typical award amount that has been given for projects?**

Awards have ranged from \$200 to \$6,000.

### **Who has been chosen for Fink Fellowships before?**

Out of the 35 students who have been selected to receive Fink Career Fellowships, 19 have been undergraduate students, 13 have been Masters students, and 3 have been PhD students.

### **Can I include an hourly wage or stipend as compensation for an experience?**

Yes, you can itemize a compensation plan in your budget. For an unpaid internship, the Fink Career Fellowship will support \$12 per hour. If you chose to propose this it will be critical to provide added context and specifics regarding why this is needed and how you arrived at the amounts requested.

### **For conferences, should I be searching for alternative means of monetary support?**

The Fink Career Fellowship will support up to \$500 for conference presentation and up to \$200 for conference attendance. It is recommended that if your budget exceeds these amounts, you should be researching additional ways to secure financial assistance.

**Who should my letters of recommendation be from?**

Letters of recommendations should be from individuals that know you in a professional or educational context. For internships, one letter of recommendation must come from an ESF faculty member or advisor who is familiar with your project (often faculty advisor). It is our hope that your faculty supporter can serve as a resource and guide for you through your project.

**Can I apply for funding to cover projects required of my major (study abroad, required research, text books)?**

No, you cannot pursue Fink Career Fellowship funding for required academic work or tuition. That would also include a required semester abroad or funding for required research for a thesis. If you have additional questions regarding Fink Career Fellowship funding, please contact Career Advisor Casey Duffy ([cduffy01@esf.edu](mailto:cduffy01@esf.edu)).