John G. Winant Fellowship

Overview for not-for-profits and government agencies

The Winant Fellowship was established at the University of New Hampshire in 1982 in memory of the late New Hampshire Governor John G. Winant to encourage the professional development of undergraduates with a strong commitment to public service.

The fellowship pays a generous stipend for a summer internship with a New Hampshire nonprofit organization or government agency, recognizing exceptional students with an interest in the nonprofit and public sectors and providing valuable work experience in the field of public service.

Fellowship recipients receive a stipend of $3,250 for full-time summer work (300 hours between late May and late August) with a nonprofit organization or government agency of their choice, and recipients are recognized for their award in university publications.

For the organization or government agency, this fellowship presents a rare opportunity to receive a highly motivated intern at no cost to them.

Student Requirements for application consideration

- The applicant must be a New Hampshire resident and a rising junior, senior, or graduate by September in good academic standing at the University of New Hampshire.

- Fellows can work with any nonprofit organization or government agency based in New Hampshire that assists New Hampshire families and communities, defined broadly.

- The agency must have agreed in advance of the application to mentor and supervise the student for the summer if the student does receive a fellowship.
• The fellowship is awarded and administered by the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire, and applicants are chosen by an independent review panel.

• The deadline for applications is posted on our website.

If you have a need for a summer intern and you know or can identify a qualified UNH student, we encourage you to ask them to apply at https://carsey.unh.edu/winant-fellowship before the deadline.

If you have been approached by a UNH student interested in working with you, please consider taking them on. This is a highly competitive fellowship, and each year’s winners (3-4 awards per year, typically) are truly impressive young people eager to get their hands dirty as they explore future career opportunities. Your commitment to them is significant; the Winant Fellowship committee is looking for students who will be truly engaged in their work, and can emerge at the end of the summer having hands on experience in their desired field.

It is the aim of the fellowship to support students who promote the ideals held by Governor John Winant: I can honestly say that I have no greater ambition in life than to be useful to my fellow man.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Sterndale, fellowship coordinator, at amy.sterndale@unh.edu or 862-4650. Thank you, and good luck to your student applicant.