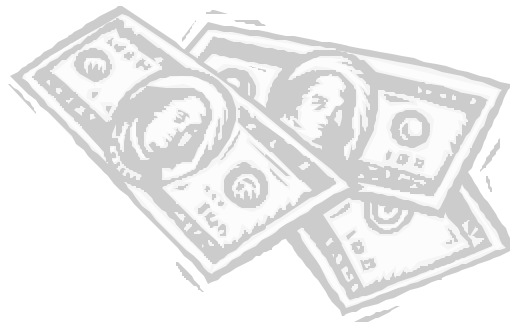


FINDING MONEY FOR A PROJECT OR PROGRAM



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BUDGET WORK SHEET

Anticipated Expenses	Weekly	Total
Housing _____		
Food _____		
Travel		
Roundtrip fare to location _____		
Local commuting _____		
Miscellaneous _____		
(Special clothing or supplies, passport, visas, phone, etc.)		
Your resources _____		
(Contributions from, e.g., family, internship sponsor, savings)		
Total Funding Needed (costs minus resources)		

SMITH FUNDING SOURCES

For graduate school:

- (1) the Smith Alumnae Scholarship, to help pay for the first year of full-time graduate or professional school (February deadline; Class Dean's Office)
- (2) the Barbara Jordan and David Burres prizes for law school (Dean of the College's Office)

For undergraduate opportunities (contact offices indicated):

- * Boorstein Fellowship for summer internships in international organizations (Gov. Dept.).
- * Brown Fellowship for summer internships in state or local government, or in organizations focused on women's issues (Gov. Dept.)
- * Faculty Research/Student Summer Research Opportunities (relevant departments)
- * Five College Program in Peace And World Studies (PAWSS) Summer Internship Grants.
<http://pawss.hampshire.edu/>
- * Five College Near Eastern Studies Summer Study Stipends (contact department)
- * Praxis internship funding: <http://sophia.smith.edu/cdo/praxis/>
- * Schultz Endowed Fund for on-campus summer science research projects (departments).
- * Smith Organizations against Racism (SOAR) Summer Stipend Grant (Multicultural Affairs)
- * Tuttle Prize for projects/courses in international relations, peace studies, or race relations (Dean's Office)

Others may be added or used up from year to year. Watch for announcements in AcaMedia.

Other on-campus sources (for which you need to pick up the discretionary funding form at the Class

Dean's Office) **include:**

- *Office for International Study (for overseas opportunities)
- *Students Aid Society (c/o Chapel).
- *Relevant academic departments.

Since all of these are competitive awards, it's important to be researching non-Smith sources while you wait to get the results of your applications.

OTHER RESOURCES

Basic resources are located:

1. in the CDO Library on the "Money Shelf"
2. in the Neilson Reference Section
3. in other college and public library reference sections.

Here are a few examples:

Encyclopedia of Associations and International Encyclopedia of Associations, available in any library. Look up your subject in the index volume, using all the different names by which you think it might be described. (For example, for Women's Rights, look under "woman" and "woman's," "women" and "women's," "rights," "gender," etc.) There you'll find lists of organizations which share your interest. Pick ones that seem relevant, and look them up by number in the other volumes of the Encyclopedia. If their descriptions suggests that they are well-established, write to them describing your project and its cost, and asking them whether they ever make small grants, or know other organizations in their field that might. (Bring a draft of your email or note to CDO Drop-In for review, if you wish.)

There are lots of directories of foundations and fellowships, for example; The Awards Almanac; Foundation Grants for Individuals; and The Foundation Directory. There are also directories of corporate sources of money, such as Corporate Giving Directory. Most of these list funding for advanced students and professionals. However, they also tell you what special areas or issues each foundation or company likes to support. If you find some that focus on your topic, it may be worth writing to them about the possibility of a small grant, and/or some more suggestions.

There are specialized directories, such as: Money for Artists; Directory of Grants in the Humanities; Grants & Awards Available to American Writers; Directory of Financial Aid for Women; and Financial Aid for Research, Study, and Other Activities Abroad. These, too, may not list funding for short-term projects, but will give you ideas about organizations to contact.

It's also helpful to send an inquiry to listservs that focus on your subject, asking for advice about funding. A good place to find a relevant listserv is <http://paml.net>, where you can also find other listserv directories: <http://paml.net/sources.html>

Specific project grants (all listed in the CDO yellow funding binder “general”) include:

*J. W. Saxe Memorial Prize for students working public service (www.jwsaxefund.org)

*Samuel Huntington Fund for Public Service (for a graduating senior)

Many of the funded “summer fellowship” programs of research, study and training, in such fields as international mediation, scientific research, technology, geology and archaeology, are searchable on E-Access on the CDO website.

SOME SUCCESS STORIES

Here are a few anecdotes, to give you a sense of how students have approached their search:

A senior developed the structure for a literacy project as part of a seminar paper. A community agency expressed an interest in having her implement the project but could only pay her a stipend. She applied to the Samuel Huntington Fund for Public Service (see above under “Other Resources”) and also used a foundation directory to identify foundations which support literacy projects.

A junior in biology was especially interested in snakes. She was accepted for a summer research project in the Amazon Basin, where she would be provided with food and lodging. However, she needed money for the airfare. Among other tactics, she looked up “snakes,” “herpetology,” and so forth, in the Encyclopedia of Associations, found organizations that shared her interest, and wrote to them explaining her situation and the amount of money she would need. In this way she raised the money for her plane ticket.

A sophomore in anthropology found a project she wanted to do in Africa, where she would receive only part of her expenses. Using the computer index in the Neilson Library Reference Section, as well as some of the books already mentioned, she found organizations focusing on the same location and population in Africa that she would be working with, and wrote to them for suggestions. While she didn’t get funding from the organizations she contacted, she did get an offer of a place to stay for free, and as a result came to know some of the key researchers in her field, on whom she relied in developing her senior thesis. In addition, she was awarded some funds by the Office for International Study.

A first year student signed up for a Student Conservation Association project in a National Park, where she would receive food and lodging and some travel money, but would still need to meet her other expenses. She went to the editor of her hometown newspaper and offered to send back articles about her experiences, to be published in the paper. She was paid per article as a freelance reporter.

There are many stories of this kind, involving projects in a wide variety of fields and locations. Let us help you find some funding for **your** project.
