

SPRINT Fellowships: Principles & Expectations

SPRINT Fellowships are intended to catalyze and deepen undergraduate student engagement in internship, research, and teaching experiences. Some fellowships are designed to forge new connections between students and host organizations or faculty mentors, facilitating exploration by launching new experiences. Other fellowships allow students to identify or develop their own opportunities that deepen their engagement by leveraging their creativity, initiative, and expertise.

Principle #1: SPRINT Fellows engage in impactful learning experiences that require a high degree of student commitment and prioritization.

- A. Summer Fellowships should be a student's primary summer activity. Summer Fellows are prohibited from registering for summer courses, and may not have concurrent jobs that exceed 10 total hours per week. Priority will be given to in-person, on-site experiences, and Summer Fellowships must begin after Memorial Day and conclude before Labor Day.
- B. Semester Fellowships are significant co-curricular commitments. Semester Fellows are prohibited from registering for 5 course credits, and may not have concurrent jobs that exceed 10 total hours per week. Priority will be given to in-person, on-site experiences, and Semester Fellowships must begin after the first day of classes and conclude before the start of the final examination period.
- C. Students who intentionally fail to engage in their fellowships or fail to adhere to the expectations described here may have award funds rescinded, including Summer Earnings Waivers, and may be ineligible for future SPRINT Fellowships.

Principle #2: SPRINT Fellowships operate on a progressive funding model based on demonstrated financial need to facilitate equitable access to unpaid opportunities.

- A. The funding provided is intended to support student expenses during the Fellowship experience. During the semester, these awards help to defray student contributions to their cost-of-attendance, and during the summer, these funds help to defray cost-of-living expenses such as housing, food, and transportation costs.
- B. Students may not have multiple simultaneous fellowships or receive fellowship funding from other sources at Brown, nor may host organizations and faculty supervisors provide supplemental funding to Fellows. Hosts who seek to provide additional support may provide supplemental direct support for housing, food, and transportation (such as discounted housing, meal swipes, and transportation cards).
- C. Since the funding for fellowships is finite, students who previously received a SPRINT award remain eligible to apply to SPRINT Fellowships, but priority will be given to students who have not previously received SPRINT summer awards.

Principle #3: SPRINT Fellowships must reflect best practices in experiential learning and be consistent with University policies.

- A. In order to support students' learning as well as their personal and professional development, Fellowship supervisors should provide regular oversight, mentorship, feedback, and evaluation throughout the term of the fellowship.
- B. Fellowships must be consistent with Brown's [Conflict of Interest and Commitment Policy](#). For example, neither family members nor other students may serve as Fellowship supervisors.
- C. Fellowships outside of Rhode Island must observe Brown's [Travel Policy](#), and students must submit a completed [TravelSafe](#) application before receiving their fellowship funding.