

PURCHASE COLLEGE ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP STIPEND-GRANT

The Career Development Center is excited to announce a new **Purchase Academic Internship stipend** (PAIS), offering students the opportunity to secure stipends for their unpaid credit-bearing internships. This special SUNY grant supports high-impact learning experiences for those industries that traditionally do not offer compensation. Students are empowered to explore their career interests, develop skills, and gain professional preparation while still in college.

The Career Development Center makes every effort to recommend that for-profit employers offer compensation in the form of at least minimum wage. For non-profit industries, where compensation may not be available, other compensation is strongly encouraged. Academic internships may be paid or unpaid by the [US Department of Labor](#).

Eligibility:

For PAIS- Limited stipend are available up to \$1000.00 (or \$500-600) This is awarded at end of semesters internship) helps students toward related expenses such as internship site travel, materials, or other day to day student expenses. Awards can be offered \$500.00 per semester. *\$600 is offered for the Spring 2025 semester for 3-4 credit interns.*

For PAIS+ based on criteria including: ***Off-campus, # of registered internship credits, financial aid, and industry of the internship (Non-Profit, Public/Social Services, Science, Art/Humanities)***

1. Be actively registered in an academic, credit bearing internship occurring during the semester to which they apply.
2. Academic internship is registered for minimum of 2-4 credits or 5-10 hrs. per week.
3. Internships can be in person or hybrid; with some preference given to those registered for in-person internship experiences.
4. Summer internships that require per credit tuition without compensation, are also given priority.
5. Interns must be in good standing with a GPA of at least 2.5 and currently enrolled in the internship.
6. Students must complete the questionnaire regarding their unpaid, uncompensated internship, to be considered for this stipend.

****Please be aware that stipends are granted on a limited basis as decisions are made upon receiving applications. (**Only applications with a fully approved Learning Contract will be processed.)***