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Leo and Dorothy Brady Fund	The Leo and Dorothy Brady Fund was established in 2019 by Leo '63 H'16 and Dorothy Brady. The fund supports students who are the first generation in their family to attend college or are independent students to travel abroad for the first time or do research at a scholarly archive. The recipient(s) will be chosen by the Provost's Office.
Class of 1962 Student Summer Fellowship	The Class of 1962 Student Summer Fellowship was established in 2012 by contributions from class members, on the occasion of their 50th Reunion celebration. The fund is intended to provide enriching learning experiences for students by supporting work, study or research during the summer months.
Joel Dean: Student Initiated & Joint Student Faculty Collaboration	<p>The Joel Dean Research fellowships support Swarthmore students participation in ten weeks of full-time summer research in the social sciences. Students can either collaborate on summer research with faculty members or apply as an independent student research.</p> <p>Priority is given to research-oriented proposals; projects involving course development are not supported. Priority will also be given to students whose projects clearly reflect prior academic work in the area and the potential for thesis or project work in their senior year and to students who have not received any other Swarthmore funding for research-related activities.</p>
Deborah A. DeMott '70 Student Research & Internship	The Deborah A. DeMott '70 Student Research and Internship Fund was established by Deborah A. DeMott '70 in 2004. The fund is awarded to students following their second or third years on the recommendation of the Provost's Office in conjunction with an advisory panel of faculty. The recommendation is based on the caliber and potential of the student project proposals.
Economic Justice Internship *includes research fellowships	The Economic Justice Internship Endowment was established in 2017 by Taras Kihiczak '86 and Kristen Boling, who have a deep interest in addressing issues related to income inequality, and is intended to provide enriching summer research fellowships and/or internships for Swarthmore students in the Social Sciences Division, Preference shall be given to students conducting projects which are related to political or economic inequality. Recipients will be awarded by the academic division and administered by the Provost's Office.
David E. Fisher '79 & Arthur S. Gabinet '79 Summer Internship	The David E. Fisher '79 - Arthur S. Gabinet '79 Summer Internship for Biological Sciences and Public Service was established by Andrew H. Schwartz '79 and his wife, Dagmar Schwartz, to honor Andy's friends and classmates, David E. Fisher '79 and Arthur S. Gabinet '79, and supports students working in life sciences or public service who exemplify Dr. Fisher's and Mr. Gabinet's values, pursuing studies out of love of learning and devotion to the improvement of the human condition.

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Judith R. Harris Research Award in Psychology	The Judith Rich Harris Research Award will provide mentored summer research experience to students working on senior thesis projects or planning to pursue graduate studies in psychology, neuroscience, or related fields, including but not limited to summer research opportunities, conference travel, and the like, at Swarthmore College in accordance with College policies and procedures. The Fund will be administered by the Provost's Office in consultation with the Psychology Department.
Haskin Fernald Summer Student Fellowship	The Haskin Fernald Student Summer Fellowship was established in 2007 by Guy Haskin Fernald '94 and Lia Haskin Fernald '94. This fund is intended to broaden and enrich the experience of a Swarthmore student by supporting a work or study experience dealing with public health issues of global significance, within a public or non-profit setting, in a lower or middle-income country. A student who has identified an opportunity to do research or volunteer work abroad can submit a proposal for support for travel and/or living expenses.
Sam Hayes III Research Grant	The Samuel L. Hayes III Award, enables research during the summer of a student who wants to pursue in greater depth some topic in business economics -- liberally defined -- on which work was initiated during the year (in a class paper, for example). Any student, regardless of major, may apply. The research may be done at Swarthmore or in some appropriate context elsewhere. Students will apply by submitting a proposal and supporting material. The grant, created through the generosity of the Swarthmore Alumni in Finance, honors an alumnus, member of the Board of Managers and eminent teacher at the Harvard School of Business.
Robinson G. Hollister Summer Opportunity in Public Policy and Economics	The Robinson G. Hollister Summer Opportunity in Public Policy and Economics was established in 2021 in memory of distinguished Swarthmore professor Robinson Hollister (1971 to 2015) by his family, colleagues, former students, and friends. Professor Hollister had a successful career in public policy as a pioneer in the use of random assignment studies, applying this method to evaluate the effects of anti-poverty, job training, education, and child care programs. The fund supports research, internships, and other summer opportunities in public policy or economics. Preference will be given to activities related to social policy, particularly anti-poverty programs, as well as to first-generation college students. The fund will be administered by the Provost's Office in consultation with the Economics department.
Hopkins International Public Policy Internship	This was established in 2005 to support students interested in policy issues of global significance, working within a public or non-profit organization. Such issues may be addressed within the U.S. or abroad, with a strong preference for experience in internships overseas. The internship is available for two to six months--anytime of the year, including summers. It shall be administered by the Provost's Office.
William L. Haganir Summer Research Stipend on Population Issues	The William L. Haganir Summer Research Stipend is awarded each spring by the chairs of the Social Science Division based on the academic interests of a student or students who wish to pursue summer research on global population issues.

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Interdisciplinary Biology Fellowship	The Interdisciplinary Biology Fellowship has a goal to provide enriching learning experiences with a preference for students performing interdisciplinary work that integrates subjects of research methods from biology with those of other natural sciences, social sciences, or humanities.
Giles K. '72 and Barbara Guss Kemp Student Fellowship	Giles and Barbara Kemp established the Giles K. '72 and Barbara Kemp Student Fellowship in 2005. The fund supports internships and research projects with a preference for students whose experiences will be abroad.
Howard G. Kurtz, Jr. and Harriet B. Kurtz Memorial Fund	The Howard G. Kurtz Jr. and Harriet B. Kurtz Memorial Fund provides support for student research in Peace and Conflict Studies at the global level or in the peaceful uses of outer space.
Eugene M. Lang Summer Initiative Grants: Student Initiated & Joint Student Faculty Collaboration	The Eugene M. Lang Summer Initiative Awards are made each spring to students who are selected by the Provost's Office in consultation with the appropriate division heads to support faculty-student research, independent student research, and student social service activity specifically related to research objectives and tied to the curriculum, under the supervision of faculty members. The Lang Summer Initiative Awards are made possible by the gift of Eugene M. Lang '38.
Lenfest Student Fellowship	The Lenfest Student Fellowship Endowment was established in 2008 by Gerry and Marguerite Lenfest. The fund shall be used to support student participation in research fellowships, internships, and other summer opportunities, and selection will be made by the Provost's Office and the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility.
Peace and Conflict Studies - Lippincott	The Lippincott Fellowship will be awarded for a summer program of off-campus research in some field of Peace and Conflict Studies in which observation, interviews, or other forms of inquiry beyond the library play an important role. The stated purpose of this fellowship is to provide support for an off-campus internship of originality, intellectual merit and of public significance.
Joanna Rudge Long '56 Award in Conflict Resolution	The Joanna Rudge Long '56 Conflict Resolution Endowment was created in 1996 in celebration of the donor's 40th reunion. The stipend is awarded to a student whose meritorious proposal for a summer research project or internship relates to the acquisition of skills by elementary school or younger children for the peaceful resolution of conflict.
Carol Lorber Fellowship	Environmental Studies/The Carol Finneburgh Lorber Fellowship in Environmental Studies was established in 2017 by the Swarthmore College Board of Managers, faculty, and friends of the College in memory of Carol Finneburgh Lorber '63, who held a passionate interest in the environment and supported numerous environmental organizations. The fund is intended to provide enriching learning experiences for Swarthmore students by supporting work, study, or research in Environmental Studies during the summer months. The recipient(s), who need not be Environmental Studies majors, will be chosen by the Provost's Office in consultation with the department of Environmental Studies.

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Julia and Frank Lyman Student Summer Research Fellowship	The Julia and Frank L. Lyman '43 Student Summer Research Stipend was established to support a student engaged in independent research in the field of peace and conflict studies. A proposal for support of an internship opportunity may also be considered.
Mellon Interdisciplinary Humanistic Summer Award	The Mellon grant supporting this new interdisciplinary line requires that it support either Film and Media Studies or one of the following eleven interdisciplinary programs: Asian Studies; Black Studies; Cognitive Science; Comparative Literature; Environmental Studies; Gender and Sexuality Studies; Interpretation Theory; Islamic Studies; Latin American and Latino Studies; Medieval Studies; and Peace and Conflict Studies.
Niquette-Pohl Summer Opportunity	The Niquette-Pohl Summer Opportunities Fund was established in 2021 by Eve Niquette and Charles Pohl. The fund is intended to support summer opportunities for Swarthmore undergraduates. The recipient(s) will be currently enrolled students selected by the Provost's Office.
Arthur Obermayer '52 International Summer Internship	The Arthur S. Obermayer '52 International Summer Internship was established in 2005 and is intended to broaden and enrich the experience of a Swarthmore student. The grant shall be awarded with preference to a domestic student who is studying in a major that may not inherently offer an international opportunity.
Penelope Mason Grant	The Penelope Mason '57 Memorial Fund was established to support student projects in Asian Studies. Students may apply for support for summer research projects in Asian Studies, as well as intensive summer language study in Asian languages contributing to the student's continuing course of studies, including but not limited to Asian Studies majors.
J. Roland Pennock Fellowship in Public Affairs	The J. Roland Pennock Undergraduate Fellowship in Public Affairs provides a grant to support a substantial research project in public affairs. This Fellowship is awarded for a program of off-campus research in public affairs in which observation, interviews, or other forms of inquiry beyond the library play an important role. The recipient will submit a substantial analytical paper that is based on the research program funded by the Fellowship. Although the research program may grow out of work, including internships, done at Swarthmore, the purpose of the Fellowship is to support off-campus work of originality, intellectual merit, and if possible, some public consequence. All continuing Swarthmore students are eligible although preference will be given to juniors.
Petrucci Family Foundation Summer Research Grant in Black Studies	This fellowship is intended to allow students to pursue research, praxis, and creative development in the arts, humanities, and social and natural sciences. Proposals must center the experiences of black populations in Africa and/or the Diaspora. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible.

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Simon Preisler Endowment for Student Internships	Richard A. Richard A. Barasch '75 established the Simon Preisler Memorial Endowment to honor the memory of his father-in-law, Auschwitz survivor, and to create a permanent memorial of the human devastation that occurred during the Holocaust and the lack of adequate global response to the tragedy. Preference will be given to students pursuing internships and research fellowships related to genocide and other large-scale violent conflicts, projects involving peaceful prevention or intervention, non-violent resistance, or local peacemaking, reconciliation and healing initiatives.
James H. Scheuer Summer Internship in Environmental Studies	The James H. Scheuer Summer Internship in Environmental and Population Studies provides one student with a summer stipend for an independent research-oriented project in the field of Environmental Studies.
Robin M. Shapiro '78 Summer Research Fellowship	The Robin M. Shapiro '78 Endowed Fund for Summer Research was established in 2013. The fund is intended to provide enriching learning experiences for Swarthmore students by supporting work, study, or research in any field during the summer months.
Allen and Naomi Schneider Summer Research Fund	The Allen and Naomi Schneider Summer Research Fund was established in 2020 by Glenn D. Rosen '77 and Ann Dannenberg Rosen '77 in honor of Professor Allen Schneider and Naomi Schneider. The fund is intended to provide enriching learning experiences for Swarthmore students who are in the first generation of their family to attend college or university, by supporting off-campus life science research with a preference for psychology or neuroscience. The recipient(s) will be chosen by the Provost's Office.
Somayyah Siddiqi Fellowship	This fellowship was established in honor of Somayyah Siddiqi with the goal of encouraging students to understand the economics issues surrounding the advancement of women in the Muslim world, an area which interested Somayyah. It will support a student conducting research in the field of economics in the Muslim world with a focus on the welfare of women. This fellowship is awarded by the Department of Economics.
David G. Smith Internship in Health and Social Policy	The David G. Smith Internship in Health and Social Policy, provides financial support to a student doing an internship in social policy, with priority for the field of health care. The Fellowship will normally be held during the summer, though it may be held during a semester or both a summer and a semester. A student will receive college support for just one summer internship/research grant during their Swarthmore career. The recipient will submit a substantial analytical paper that is based on the research program funded by the Fellowship. Criteria for selection include the student's past academic performance and the relationship of the internship to the applicant's academic program. The internship will be funded up to the maximum level available for domestic internship support offered by any other College program. Funds are not provided for travel back to home as part of the internship grant. All continuing Swarthmore students are eligible, although preference will be given to juniors.

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Starfield Student Research Grant	Barbara Starfield '54 and Phoebe Starfield Leboy '57 established the Starfield Student Research Endowment in 2004. This award supports student summer research fellowships in social justice with a preference for students pursuing research in the areas of health services delivery/health policy and social, demographic, and geographic equity. Dr. Starfield and Dr. Leboy established the fellowship to honor their parents, Martin and Eva Starfield, educators who instilled a love of learning and social justice in their daughters.
Wallach Fellowship	The Hans Wallach Research Fellowship, endowed in 1991 by colleagues and friends, honors the eminent psychologist Hans Wallach (1904-1998), who was a distinguished member of the Swarthmore faculty for more than 60 years. The fellowship supports one outstanding summer research project in psychology for a rising Swarthmore College senior or junior, with preference given to a project leading to a senior thesis.