Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life (IPE)
Summer Ethics Internship Program, 2021

The Ethics Internship Program is a very important part of the Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life’s (IPE) overall program for undergraduate students. These internships were started with funds from the Donchian Foundation and maintained with support from the Casscells-Hamby Ethics Internship Award, the Oleda Casscells Undergraduate Internship Fund, the John Allen and Patricia Hollingsworth family, and others, as a way to integrate ethical theory and practice, the real-world and the academy. Student interns combine their summer experience with preparatory courses and post-internship narrative and analytic reports and discussions. Previous interns have had a variety of placements in private (both for-profit and not-for-profit) and governmental contexts in both domestic and international settings, involving service, learning, research, or some combination thereof.

Internship Program: The IPE sponsors and provides funds for several summer internships, which are awarded on a competitive basis. The Institute expects to fund 6 or 7 internships for Summer 2021.

Expectations: Those who receive awards will be expected to spend at least eight weeks in an internship (approved by the IPE), to meet with faculty at the IPE (and perhaps with other interns) to discuss aspects of their internship before it starts, to prepare, at the end of the summer, an 8-10 page narrative and analysis of the internship, with particular attention to questions and issues of ethics (broadly conceived), and to meet, in the fall semester, with other interns and IPE faculty to discuss their experiences.

Nature of Internship: Internships take a variety of forms:

- Service
- Learning
- Research
- Some combination of the above three

Stipend: The IPE will usually provide a stipend of $2,000.00-2,500.00 toward students’ internships. If the internship is unpaid, a larger stipend may be available in a few cases, depending on location, living arrangements, etc. If the intern receives financial support from other sources, the IPE stipend may be reduced in order to make the internships as available and as equitable as possible. We will discuss specific financial arrangements with students after they have received notification of their awards and arranged their internships.

Identification of Internship Possibilities: It is up to students to arrange their specific internships, but the IPE will provide advice and guidance, including the names of organizations and persons who might have or know of possibilities.

Additional Information: Please write James F. Childress (jfc7c@virginia.edu) or Ruth Gaare Bernheim (rg3r@virginia.edu) for more information. An application form is attached.

Deadline for Application: 5:00 PM, Monday, January 11, 2021
Notification of Awards: The IPE expects to announce the awards by January 30, 2021
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Application Form

Instructions: Return the completed application to James F. Childress jfc7c@virginia.edu by email attachment, no later than 5:00 PM, Monday, January 11, 2021.

Name (last, first, middle): ____________________________________________

UVA Mailing Address: ________________________________________________

Email Address (UVA & any other) ____________________________ Phone:_______________

Birth Date: _____________________________ Citizenship_____________________

Major(s): ____________________________ Minor:________________________

Concentration: ______________________ GPA:__________________________

Academic year (circle one): Second Year Third Year

Nature of Internship: What sort of internship are you pursuing? Sketch your plans for identifying specific internships if you have not already selected one.

Essay: Write a brief essay (no more than 200 words) discussing why you would be interested in pursuing an IPE summer ethics internship and relating the internship experience to your academic and career goals.

Resume: Please include a current resume at the end of this application (not in a separate file)

Reference: We will need to be able to contact a faculty member, teaching assistant, employer, or another person who can offer an evaluation of you and your work.

Name of Reference ____________________________ Title_____________________

Email Address of Reference_______________________ Telephone_________________

This person has agreed to write an evaluation if requested: yes no