

CAF Frequently Asked Questions:(2022)

- **Can I be a freshman and apply for the CAF?**
 - Yes
- **Do I have to have an internship, research opportunity, or other career building opportunity before I apply for the CAF?**
 - Yes
- **How is it decided who will get the CAF?**
 - *There are several factors that the selection committee considers when determining recipients. The merit of the internship experience, the applicant's financial need, the total number of applicants, and the amount of funds that are available. The funding amount and number of applicants can vary.*
- **Who decides if I get the CAF?**
 - *A selection committee that consists of faculty, a member (s) from the advancement office, alumni, and Career Success Staff.*
- **What does "minimally paid" mean?**
 - *This can vary when assessing an application. "Minimally paid" can mean a student receives some payment during their internship that is not commensurate with the duties of their internship, only a small stipend is offered, or the stipend is given at the end of the internship. These are only a few examples of "minimally paid." Each application is carefully reviewed on an individual basis.*
- **Why do you need to talk to my employer?**
 - *Yes, we will confirm with your current employer if the income you normally have will be reduced due to working an internship. Part of determining financial need is identifying if taking an internship will cause a financial hardship. Additionally, your internship supervisor will need to confirm that you have secured an internship.*
- **What is a "career building opportunity"?**
 - *This can vary. This can be an independent project that you are working on under the supervision of a professional, an internship, or a number of other experiences. Someone will need to confirm that they will be mentoring or supervising your work. It is important that you can articulate how the project you have chosen is valuable to your career plans throughout your personal statement in the application.*
- **Do I have to be a student on the Columbus campus to apply for the CAF?**
 - *Yes. Currently students on the satellite campuses are not eligible for the CAF scholarship.*
- **How do I determine my expenses?**
 - *Start by considering the financial obligations you will have while completing your internship. If the responsibilities of your internship will prevent you from working or will cause you to reduce your hours at work, those expenses should be reported. Travel costs to and from an internship site, materials needed for your internship, and temporary relocation fees are other expenses to consider when asking for aid.*

If you are a STUDENT with questions about the Career Accelerator Fund, please contact Barb Harvey, Career Coach, at harvey.669@osu.edu

If you are a NON-STUDENT (staff member, donor, faculty, etc.) with questions about the Career Accelerator Fund, please reach out to Maggie Kruth, Internship Specialist, at kruth.2@osu.edu.