

Macalester awarded Career Ready Internship grant from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corp.

St. Paul, Minn. – The Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation has awarded Macalester College a Career Ready Internship grant for the 2014-2015 academic year in the amount of \$60,022. The corporation awarded a total of \$5.2 million in new grants to Macalester and 39 other colleges and universities in Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin allowing students with financial need to reap the educational and career-boosting benefits of paid internships.

These new grants came about after a successful pilot at 19 Wisconsin colleges during 2013-2014, in which 98 percent of interns either re-enrolled the next semester or graduated. This year, a total of 2,235 students receiving financial aid who might not otherwise consider – and profit from – an internship will gain professional experience and progress toward graduation.

The Macalester Internship Program, representing every major on campus, helps students find learning-work experiences that integrate classroom knowledge with real-world skills. Most majors strongly encourage internships, and a few (Environmental Studies, Political Science, and American Studies) currently require an internship for graduation.

Under this grant program, Macalester will offer internships associated with two targeted areas: academic concentrations and entrepreneurship. Academic concentrations are a unique interdisciplinary structure at Macalester in which students analyze themes, approaches, and geographic areas that cut across departments and fields. Entrepreneurship, an area growing in popularity on campus, might encompass work with start-up businesses or might focus on organizations using a social entrepreneurship approach. Macalester's urban location enables sustained collaboration with a variety of local small businesses and non-profits. These relationships offer students insight into what is required when taking steps to create their own organization.

“The Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation is giving Macalester students with financial need an opportunity to do engaging and meaningful work that is closely aligned with their academic focus,” said Michael Porter, Macalester's Director of Internship Programs. “Not only does this benefit the student, but it strengthens community partners doing good work with limited resources.”

The following students received the internship grant for the fall 2014 term:

Ben Bartenstein '16, Waldo, Wis., multimedia reporter, Round Earth Media;

Helena Bruce '15, Eau Claire, Wis., immigration services intern, International Institute of Minnesota;

Natalia Evens De Menezes '15, Chicago, Ill., executive office intern, WomenWinning;

Emily Gustafson '16, Minneapolis, Minn., editorial assistant intern, Free Spirit Publishing;

Logan Hovie '15, Neenah, Wis., legislative intern, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's (D-Wis.) office, U.S. Senate;

Elisa Lee '15, Fort Lee, N.J., communications & graphic design intern, OutFront MN;

Shelby Maidl '15, Ely, Minn., research and policy analysis intern, Frogtown Green;

Anoushka Millear '15, Seattle, Wash., capacity building intern, the Center for Victims of Torture;

Paige Moody '16, Lee, N.H., data and GIS mapping intern, Gardening Matters;

Anna Munson '15, Stoddard, Wis., community health care intern, the Community University Health Care Center;

Lillian Robbins '16, Portland, Ore., preschool teaching intern, the Dodge Nature Center Preschool; and

Abby Wiersma '16, Scandinavia, Wis., public health intern, WellShare International.

Knowing that education has the power to change lives for the better, Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates was established as a nonprofit group focused on a single objective: helping students nationwide prepare for and succeed in post-secondary education and student loan repayment. As a leading student loan guarantor and servicer, the corporation has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to provide assistance and repayment planning to nearly 9 million borrowers – as well as assistance to colleges and lenders nationwide. The group's earnings support one of the largest and most respected educational philanthropy programs in the country. Since 2006, they have committed nearly \$127 million to promote higher education access and completion for students of color, low-income students, and first-generation students. For additional information, visit home.mygreatlakes.org (<http://home.mygreatlakes.org/>).

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,045 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu) (<http://www.macalester.edu/>).

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