

## Summer Work Opportunities Program: **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are my commitments to Scarlet & Gray Advantage over the summer?**

The summer is an excellent time to pursue paid, meaningful employment, which will allow you to contribute financially to your educational costs. Pursuing work opportunities will also support your career exploration.

Additionally, you must register as a full-time student (enrolled in at least 12 credit hours) for Autumn term by August 9 to receive your financial aid package through the Scarlet & Gray Advantage program.

### **How will Ohio State support my search for paid work?**

Ohio State has developed a network of employers from different industries and sectors to offer paid, meaningful work experiences for Scarlet & Gray Advantage students. Ohio State also has a wealth of career ready resources you can use in your search—interview preparation workshops, resume and cover letter support, and career fairs—which we encourage students to use in their search and preparation.

### **What is the Scarlet & Gray Advantage Partner Network?**

The Partnership Network is comprised of employers who will provide work opportunities for Scarlet & Gray Advantage students. Members of the network will offer summer work that enable students to gain work experience while earning money to support their college education. Organizations will hire rising second-year students for a paid summer work, internship, or research experiences.

### **What are the commitments to completing a summer work experience? Timeframe? Hours? Pay rate?**

The experiences offered by the Partnership Network vary in hours per week, hourly pay rate and the number of weeks required. Opportunities may be part-or to full-time hours and average \$15 per hour.

### **Where are the Partnership Network opportunities located?**

Most opportunities are in the Central Ohio area. We are working with employers to offer remote and hybrid opportunities to students. We are also working with companies and organizations that have opportunities in Central Ohio and surrounding areas.

### **What if I already have summer work experience?**

Wonderful! We encourage you to reach out to the Internship Project Manager, Kris Garner ([garner.121@osu.edu](mailto:garner.121@osu.edu)) and complete the Experiences Module in Handshake to report your summer work experience. We will supply you with self-exploration materials, which will help you reflect on essential skills you are gaining through this resume-builder experience.

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## **What other resources are available to support my search and preparation?**

In the learning community you will continue the career exploration process. You will participate in workshops and online trainings offered by Buckeye Careers. During the learning community monthly sessions, you will also explore opportunities offered by your college or regional campus Career Services departments.

Additionally, students may apply for supplemental funding to help assist with financial needs that will make the summer work experience successful. We understand sometimes there are additional costs that may prohibit students from accepting a great opportunity.

## **How do I apply for supplemental assistance?**

There is an application process for the funding, which opens March 1 and closes April 7. After applying, a student must meet with the SFA Project Manager, Ellen Strawn ([strawn.28@osu.edu](mailto:strawn.28@osu.edu)), to understand the impact supplemental funding may have on one's financial aid package.

## **Am I able to do a summer work experience and take classes in the summer?**

Yes, you can take classes and work during the summer. We encourage you to schedule an appointment with the SFA Project Manager Ellen Strawn to consider how to budget to cover the cost of summer courses.

## **I'm interested in another high impact summer experience (study abroad, research).**

### **How should I factor this into my summer work plans?**

Students interested in study abroad options should reach out directly to a Global Education Specialist at [globaledspecialist@osu.edu](mailto:globaledspecialist@osu.edu) and check out Students interested in research opportunities should connect with the [Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry](#).