Call for Applications

The Elaine Werby Internship Awards at the Center for Social Policy

For Summer 2013 or the Fall Term 2013

Application Deadline: March 15, 2013

Purpose: The Werby Internship will provide financial assistance to an undergraduate or graduate student from any academic discipline at UMass Boston who wishes to gain professional experience in the area of research and evaluation related to eradication of poverty, especially in Massachusetts, New England, and the United States. The internship will engage a student with a directed work assignment within a Center for Social Policy (CSP) project or with an independent research project closely related to a CSP priority area. Innovative ideas and projects are encouraged. For more information about CSP, go to: http://www.umb.edu/csp/. For information on CSP projects, go to: http://www.umb.edu/csp/research.

Award: A $2,500 award will be presented to the selected student to help defray educational and living expenses while working as a Werby Intern. One half of the award will be distributed to the student at the beginning of the term and the remaining half distributed at the project’s conclusion. The intern will be invited to take part in CSP special events and team meetings. Academic credit will be available according to established University policies and in coordination with the student’s department. (Funds for the internship will be available from a designated Revolving Fund made up of gifts from individual, corporate and foundation donors.)

Supervision and Outcomes: Interns will be supervised by a member of the CSP staff or an appropriate faculty member or practitioner. The intern and supervisor will meet regularly during the term. At the outset of the internship, the intern, the supervisor, and the CSP Internship Coordinator will agree on the specific outcomes that the intern will complete. Outcomes can take a variety of forms, including, but not limited to: a research report, an evaluation report, a set of briefs, a thesis proposal, a chapter of a thesis, or an art project.

Application process: An application form is attached to this announcement. In addition to the formal information requested on the form, applicants are asked to write a statement (from 300 to 500 words) of their plans for the work they would like to do during the internship. Also, applicants must have one or two academic-professional letters of recommendation sent to the CSP Internship Coordinator at the e-mail address below. The Coordinator will be available to advise students on the development of their proposals. A committee of CSP staff will consider applications and announce selection of the intern by the schedule below.

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Selection Announcement: April 15, 2013

For more information: Werby.Internship@umb.edu
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Name________________________________________________________

E-mail________________________________________________________

Phone________________________________________________________

Program of study______________________________________________
(e.g., B.A. in Political Science)

Expected graduation date________________________________________

Academic Advisor______________________________________________

Recommendations (1)____________________________________________
(one or two)

(2)___________________________________________________________

Application for: Summer 2013____ Fall Term 2013____ Either____
(check as appropriate)

Provide background (including relevant details of program of study and of any professional or personal experience related to the Werby internship goals):

Please attach a statement of 300-500 words of your plan for the work you propose to do during the internship.

All materials should be sent to Werby.internship@umb.edu by March 15, 2013. Selection of the Summer or Fall 2013 intern will be announced by April 15, 2013.