

E.R. Jackman Internship Committee Report

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The ERJ Friends and Alumni Board has supported at least 340 over the past 22 years to enable them to have, in many cases, "Life experiences. Most of the internships have been for non-paying or low paying

According to our records, the first ones were awarded in 2000. The Board awarded \$8500 that year. The total amount given to the committee this past year was \$20,000. Awards given to students over the years have varied from \$200 to \$2,000. The average award has been \$1067.

Thirteen students have received financial support since we reported to you last year. The total amount awarded this year was \$17,100.00. More students probably would have applied but because of COVID-19, many internships were not offered. It was not possible to do foreign travel or even some domestic destinations. Hopefully, there will be more international experiences offered this year.

Where have these 13 students had internship experiences?

Examples of domestic internships include

- Olive and strawberry Research, Aurora,OR
- Chinook salmon conservation Research, Corvallis
- Dungeness crab Research, HMSC, Newport

Twelve of the 13 internships were in Oregon including 7 here on Campus. The out of state internship was a Community Garden Coordinator in South Carolina.

Students from most of the agricultural sciences majors have been awarded support over the years. Students from Bioresource Research, Fisheries and Wildlife, Food Science and Horticulture have received quite a few of the awards. Some departments do require their students to have an internship.

As most realize, our definition of agriculture has changed over time to be broader based or inclusive. Twenty years ago, a more common internship might have been with a livestock feed company, a pharmaceutical company or on a working farm or ranch. Now just as common might be working in a Cheetah preserve in Africa or studying the nesting habits of sea birds in Newport.

We are pleased that our students come to the interviews with carefully prepared applications, and they also present themselves in a professional manner whether it is in person or on Zoom.

Besides our on-campus staff who screen the applications and participate in the interviews, off-campus people have often volunteered their time as well We thank you for your service. We appreciate the input and expertise of E. R. Jackman Friends and Alumni members to the Internship Support Committee. We welcome you and believe that you will find this to be a rewarding experience.

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