

SUMMER CIVIC LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM

SUMMER 2020

CALL FOR STUDENT PROPOSALS

The Summer Civic Leaders Scholarship Program

will provide \$2,000 scholarships to five students to support remote work in support of civic organizations in New London, CT. The purpose of this program is to develop sustained civic engagement and partnership in the New London community. Students will work with the Holleran Center for Community Action partnership organizations or may propose to work with other New London organizations with whom they have pre-existing work relationships.

Students may work remotely in non-paid, or low-paid positions at New London-based non-profits, health districts, schools, municipalities, community organizations, community gardens, voting initiatives, social activism groups, or similar nonprofits.

Community partnerships organizations may include: Sprout Garden/Fresh New London; New London Public Schools; NESAC Votes/Southeastern CT League of Women Voters; New London Homeless Hospitality Center; New London Area Food Pantry; Salvation Army of New London; Ledge Light Health Collaborative. Placements with other partners may be arranged depending on partner needs/capacity (e.g., Immigration Advocacy and Support Center, Safe Futures).

All placements must be arranged through the Holleran Center to ensure matches between student

interests and partner needs/capacities. See below for application process details.

The Summer Civic Leaders program is open to first years, sophomores and juniors. Preference will be given to students who have completed the Global New London Summer Practicum Experience and to students who are currently living on the Connecticut College campus. Students will work remotely, with the possibility of on-site work at a later date in the summer. Students will also meet remotely as a seminar group each week with Civic Leaders Program coordinators to discuss assigned readings, placement work and best practices in ethical community engagement. The first virtual seminar meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Selected students will receive a \$2,000 stipend, and must work a minimum of 120 hours. Housing will be offered at the college for students currently living on campus in addition to the \$2,000 stipend, but students will be responsible for food. Students who have completed internship preparation through the Hale Career Center may be eligible for additional funding.

Awardees will keep a weekly log of their experiences and submit a 2 page reflection on their work (on the last day of the seminar meeting) and participate in a presentation event in the fall semester following the award.

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and the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut*

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1: Pre-Application Virtual Meeting

Contact Kim Sanchez at ksanche1@conncoll.edu for an appointment by May 8, 2020, at the latest.

Step 2: Application Submission Process

Submit the following, in one PDF to eofri@conncoll.edu

1. Application Cover sheet

- a. Name, year
- b. Email, phone
- c. Major(s), minor(s), pathway or center (declared or potential)
- d. Name of Faculty Recommender
- e. Sponsoring organization, name of position

2. Personal Statement (500 words)

- a. Describe your passion and interests in civic engagement, and why it is important to you

3. Organization Information (500 words)

- a. Name and location of the sponsoring organization
- b. Mission and purpose of the organization
- c. Position and description of responsibilities
- d. Explain your interest in working for this organization, and how it relates to your interests in civic engagement
- e. Describe your previous experience with this organization, if applicable

4. Letter of support from Faculty or Staff Recommender (up to 500 words)

- a. How long have you known the student and in what capacity?
- b. What are the student's qualifications for this type of work?
- c. How has the student shown the ability to carry out this work?

5. Connecticut College transcript (from DegreeWorks)

6. Resume

A limited number of awards will be given, and award recipients will be notified by May 25, 2020. Acceptance of the funding by the selected students must be received by May 29, 2020. This program is supported in part by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

Please direct placement questions to:

Kim Sanchez, Associate Director of Engaged Scholarship and Community Learning, ksanche1@conncoll.edu

Please direct questions about eligibility and funding to:

Libby Friedman, Assistant Dean of the College for Connections, eofri@conncoll.edu.

Application Submission by May 15 to:

Submit the complete application in one PDF to eofri@conncoll.edu
Subject line: "CIVIC LEADERS SUMMER 2020 – LastName"

