

The Harrington Public Affairs Fellowship Program for Undergraduates

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Funding Amount

Approximately five Harrington Fellowship awards are made each year, ranging from \$500-\$2500.

Project Eligibility

- (1) Original research on politics and public policy
- (2) Service projects
- (3) Participation and attendance at academic conferences

Student Eligibility

- (1) Major or minor in Political Science
- (2) Have completed at least two semesters at Clark and expect to return to Clark the following year as an undergraduate student
- (3) Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25

Requirements of Recipients

- (1) Participate in fellowship community events the following academic year
- (2) Participate in either Fall Fest or Academic Spree Day

Application Process

There are two rounds of applications: Fall and Spring. Apply for either through the funding portal on the [Opportunity Funding home page](#).

Fall Applications: A student who is granted a Harrington Fellowship in the Fall application round can use the Fellowship during the Winter Intersession or Spring semesters.

Deadline: November 15 at noon

Spring Applications: A student who is granted a Harrington Fellowship in the Spring application round can use the Fellowship during the following Summer break or Fall semester.

Deadline: April 15 at noon

Criteria for Selection

Criteria for selection will include the originality of the proposed project; the significance of the proposed project for understanding politics, the role of public service, or the importance of

engagement in the public life of citizenship; the applicant's potential for successfully completing the project; and the likely contribution of the project to the intellectual growth of other members of the community of Harrington Fellows.

Application Materials

1. 1-2 page project proposal
2. Itemized budget
3. Academic transcript

Please feel free to use page one of the budget template on the [Opportunity Funding home page](#) to prepare your budget.

COVID-19 Adaptations

At this time the university is unable to support travel or travel-related expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have questions about allowable expenses, please contact your faculty advisor.

Clark recommends remote/virtual projects

Whenever possible, your research, service project, or conference plans should be remote or virtual during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On-site projects require workplace safety plans

If your service project is on-site, or partially on-site, your sponsoring organization must have a workplace safety plan which is broadly similar to the [Healthy Clark COVID Plan](#) and which follows all relevant CDC, state, and local guidelines relative to the COVID-19 virus. In order to have your on-site service project approved for funding, you will need to provide a written version of your organization's workplace safety plan, either a document or link to their website.

Evaluating your organization's workplace safety plan

By accepting the service project, you are ultimately responsible for determining if the organization's workplace safety plan follows Clark's [Healthy Clark COVID Plan](#) and meets your own comfort level for in-person interaction.

If your on-site project becomes unsafe

If you begin an on-site service project, and you believe the workplace is not following its own workplace safety plan or has otherwise become unsafe, it is your responsibility to notify your faculty adviser.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.clarku.edu/departments/political-science/undergraduate-research/>.