



International Students Internship Relief Fund

Resolution 22-23-15

Whereas: a core Jesuit value of USF is *Cura Personalis* - care of the whole person; and

Whereas: USF provides many opportunities for students to attain internships for reasons including: clarifying their career goals, providing hands-on experience in a chosen field of study, developing transferable skills, and earning money; and

Whereas: gaining career experience is crucial for students as it enhances their employability in the future; and

Whereas: international students who attain internships during summer must pay \$1,375 for enrollment in a summer course—that they may not need—as it is a requirement to be onboarded into any domestic internship program; and

Whereas: for international students to be eligible for an internship, the internship must offer that student course credit towards their degree; and

Whereas: many international students apply for internships during summer when they have more availability in their schedule; and

Whereas: The University encourages students to complete three internships during their undergraduate program, however international students are disadvantaged in this regard as they have to pay for the additional courses to be eligible for an internship[1]; and

Whereas: An anonymous undergraduate international student stated:

“Last summer I secured an internship in my chosen field, which I was extremely thrilled about. However, I was a little disappointed when I learned it was unpaid. Despite this, I accepted the opportunity as a student eager to gain as much knowledge as possible. When I attempted to complete the necessary paperwork with my university, I was informed that I needed to enroll in a course in order to be eligible to work during the summer. To my surprise, I also discovered that I would be required to pay for this course. Not only I wasn’t getting paid for the internship, but I had to pay for it. I think this is very unfair.”

Whereas: internships typically do not pay a livable wage, some of them are unpaid, or part-time; therefore, be it

[1]From : <https://www.usfca.edu/academics/san-francisco-connection>



Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate in its role as the sole representative body of all the undergraduates students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted:

Resolved: If students need to have an extra unit to be eligible for an internship during the summer, it will be covered by a scholarship fund of \$1,375 per course per student, amounting to a total of \$27,500 for 20 students; furthermore be it

Resolved: ISSS create a simple application process for students to apply for the funding.

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