

## Skandalaris Center Internship Program Summer 2009

The Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies is a cross-campus, interdisciplinary center serving all students at Washington University. The Skandalaris Center's Internship Program is an innovative learning experience open to at least 20 undergraduate students each summer. Students intern with startup, emerging commercial and social enterprises that benefit from the contributions of talented Washington University students who have a strong interest in entrepreneurship.

The ten-week Internship Program will run from June 1 through August 7, 2009. Students work in their organizations Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, interns attend lunch and an afternoon session to learn how to start, develop, and sustain new enterprises. Entrepreneurs from the St. Louis community and Washington University participate as panelists/lecturers in the Friday sessions which conclude with a social hour for the interns to interact and connect with the guests from the community.

Interns work in small groups throughout the summer to create a presentation on a topic related to the program. The groups deliver their presentations to all host organizations and the community on the final Friday of the program. The internship will conclude with the students serving as Pre-Orientation counselors for the Skandalaris Center's I.D.E.A. Pre-Orientation program for the incoming class of 2013.

Students receive a \$2,500 stipend and room/board in the Millbrook apartments on the Washington University campus for the duration of the program.

Creating a community of entrepreneurs is a vital component of the program, but we realize some students may already have off-campus housing. The stipend for those students who elect to live off campus is \$3250.



Students may find their internships in one of two ways. They may secure their internships with emerging commercial or social enterprises in the St. Louis area and apply for admission to the program, and the Skandalaris Center will evaluate the opportunity and approve or decline the student's request for funding. Alternatively, students may apply to the program and attend an Internship IdeaBounce® on Friday, February 6, where organizations pre-approved by the Skandalaris Center will pitch their internship opportunities.

Current Washington University undergraduate students who have completed their sophomore year as of June 1, 2009 and who are returning for at least one semester are eligible to apply. Students may *apply* to more than one Washington U. stipend program; however, they are not eligible to *receive* more than one stipend for summer 2009. Students earning a stipend are not eligible to receive academic credit.

To apply, please complete the application form and essay questions, and submit to the Skandalaris Center in Simon 100 with a copy of your resume. Applications may also be submitted to [luscric@wustl.edu](mailto:luscric@wustl.edu).



Pictured at left: Student intern team delivering final presentation

## SUMMER 2009 SKANDALARIS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cum. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School/College:     Arts & Sciences                       Olin Business School  
                          Engineering                                       Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide short answers to the following questions:**

- 1) Why are you interested in this program?
- 2) How would this program further the pursuit of your long-term goals?
- 3) What types of emerging organizations are of interest to you?

**Attach a copy of your most recent resume.** Provide an electronic copy by Monday, February 2, 2009 to be included in the resume book for the Internship IdeaBounce® on Friday, February 6, 2009.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

The Skandalaris Center will host an Internship IdeaBounce® on **Friday, February 6, 2009** at 4:00pm in Simon Hall. We encourage students to submit their application by Monday, February 2. Students whose applications are approved will be notified prior to the Internship IdeaBounce®. All undergraduate students are welcome to attend this event. An approved application is not required to attend the event.

At the event on February 6, representatives from approved organizations will give a brief, 2-minute presentation of the opportunity. Following presentations, the Skandalaris Center will host a reception so students may connect with the organizations. Students with an approved application on file will have an advantage, as funding is virtually guaranteed if both the student and organization applications are pre-approved.

Students may receive funding for an internship at an organization other than those attending the February 6 IdeaBounce®. These organizations must be approved by the Skandalaris Center.

Students will receive funding with an approved application and written internship offer from an approved organization. Funding is available for at least twenty students.

Please contact Il Luscri at [luscric@wustl.edu](mailto:luscric@wustl.edu) for more information.