

Evaluation Criteria

For Haas Summer Fellowships

The following are the criteria used by selection committee members to evaluate Haas Summer Fellowship applications:

Need for the project and potential impact on the community: Does the project address a need that has been identified by a community partner? Will the project and the student enhance the capacity of the host organization? What are the potential short-term and long-term benefits?

Background/experience relevant to project: Does the candidate possess the necessary background and skills for the proposed project? (This can be based on past work and volunteer experience, internships, involvement in campus organizations and activities, coursework and spring quarter preparations planned.)

Feasibility of the project: Is the project realistic based on the time frame, the student's abilities, and the organization's resources? If relevant, is the project sustainable after the student departs? Is the budget of the project realistic?

Flexibility and willingness to adjust project plans in accordance with community needs: Does this applicant value the importance of taking direction from the community rather than imposing a predetermined plan? Will they be capable of evaluating progress and making adjustments to plan along the way?

Interaction and collaboration with community partner and community being served: Does the student identify an appropriate community partner? Will the work be grounded in or connected to the people who will be most directly impacted? Where the student's background may be lacking, does there appear to be support available from the community partner?

Innovation in project design: Does it appear this is a fresh approach to an existing need or problem? Will this project help the organization and/or community grow in a new direction?

Value of project for student: How does this project relate to the student's academic, career and personal goals?

Additional considerations for applicants proposing INTERNATIONAL projects:

- Can the applicant speak the language?
- Does the applicant have prior experience in the country/community?
- Are there adequate in-country community connections? (International projects require a local community partner; U.S. representatives or affiliates are *not* acceptable substitutes.)

Additional considerations for applicants proposing RESEARCH-ORIENTED projects:

- Does the proposal respond to a community-based organization's information needs?
- Is there some indication (or implication) that the research may have a specific and timely impact on current policy and/or practice?