The David Matz Fellowship

It has been true for years that in Conflict Resolution, practice is way ahead of theory. The work people do is much more sophisticated and effective than the readings can account for. Readings do help; they point in a general direction and suggest where intuition might mislead. But nothing substitutes for work in the field, and work with real people with real conflicts. But getting that experience is very difficult.

That is where the internship comes in. A good internship gives the student the chance to really do it, to see others really do it, to feel what it is like to “sit in the chair,” to feel what it is like to succeed, and, alas, to feel what it is like to fail. It gives the student the chance to work with the chemistry between people; no role-play, no video, no class discussion can adequately simulate that.

The internship can provide the basis for a career-building network, and it can provide the basis for career-long reflection on events and feelings.

But getting a good internship is not easy. Many hurdles: they can take a lot of time; the field supervisor can be a jerk; the needs of the work place may not fit with the needs of the student; and they may be far away.

The goal of the Matz Fellowship is to increase the chance that the internship will be a good one. No surprise: money helps. The right internship can be expensive. Being able to afford getting to Ireland or Ecuador can make all the difference. Being able to afford child-care or income-loss can make all the difference. Being able to plan your study program with a particular internship in mind can influence courses chosen, and whether a study-focus will be local, national, international.

The Program’s alumni and friends have generously made this Fellowship available. Many of them know how important experience in the field really is, be it in the form of independent research, work with existing organizations, or participation in a summer learning experience. They are making it possible for the next generation of students to get the benefit of it. We – faculty and students – should all be very grateful to them for their vision and commitment.

-David Matz, Founder and Professor Emeritus of the Conflict Resolution Programs

Conflict Resolution MA and Certificate Students who have completed at least 9 credits and have secured an experiential learning opportunity are eligible to apply for this award for up to $6000. Applications are accepted mid March each year and funds are awarded shortly after. Please return this application with the additional required materials to conresglobal@umb.edu. Contact Kelly.ward@umb.edu with questions.
Contact Information

Full Name__________________________________________________________________________________

E-mail______________________________________________ Phone_______________________________

Address____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of Experiential Learning Opportunity:

Please select the type of opportunity you plan to participate in:

☐ Internship
☐ Study abroad
☐ Volunteer
☐ Academic Symposium/Conference
☐ Student-initiated research project
☐ Travel related to academic projects and study
☐ Other: _______________________________________________________

Internship, Volunteer Position or Student-Initiated Research Project:

Organization: ________________________________________________

Organization Address: _________________________________________

Location of Work/Instruction_____________________________________

Start Date: ___________________ End Date: _________________

Hours Per Week: __________ Supervisor: _______________________

Is experience unpaid? ___Yes ___No  If paid, what is the salary? __________
Phone Number: __________________________ E-Mail: __________________________

Will you receive credit? ___ Yes ___No   If credit, how many?______________

Is this credit required for the MA in Conflict Resolution degree? ___ Yes ___No

**Study Abroad:**

Country: ________________________________ Departure Date: __________

Return Date: _______________________________________________________

Is this a UMass Boston Study Abroad Program? ___Yes ___No

Will you receive academic credit? ___Yes ___No

If credit, how many? __________________________

List program name and institution: ________________________________

**Academic Symposium or Travel Related to Academic Projects and Study**

Event: ________________________________ Date(s): ______________________

Location: _______________________________________________________

**Application Materials:**

Make sure you fill out this application entirely. In addition, please attach:

- A proposal (two pages maximum) outlining your goals and the activities you will undertake if selected to receive the David Matz Fellowship.
  - In your proposal discuss how receiving this award will assist you as you work towards your goals
  - Include the skills and knowledge you will develop through your experience as well as describe contributions you expect to make through your experiential learning opportunity.
- Please indicate how this award will support your success as a student.
- Please include a list of your anticipated expenses and/or a budget.
- One copy of your resume

Questions?

If you have questions regarding documentation, please contact Kelly Ward Mason via e-mail at kelly.ward@umb.edu

Release of Information:

I certify that all of the information in this application is true. My signature further signifies my permission to release all information contained in my fellowship information packet, as well as relevant information on record at the University of Massachusetts Boston, to any and all persons involved in the selection of fellowships, for the sole purpose of consideration for fellowship awards and tracking my academic progress. I further consent to the release of such information for reporting purposes to the donor of any fellowships I may receive.

Signature_________________________ Date________________________

APPLICATION DEADLINE: check with Kelly.ward@umb.edu

If you are selected to receive the David Matz Fellowship funds you will need to provide verification of your experiential learning opportunity before receiving the funding. Valid documentation includes:

- A letter verifying your internship, volunteer opportunity or research position.
- A letter stating that you were accepted for a study abroad program.
- Material documenting an academic symposium, etc.