Temple University Merit Scholarship Summer Educational Enhancement Stipend for Internship or Research (2017)

- **Purpose:**
  - $4,000 stipend is used to fund an unpaid internship or research project during the summer, or study abroad/Temple study away, for new freshman admits to the Temple University Honors Program (admitted fall 2013 through spring 2017).

- **Eligibility requirements:**
  - The stipend is available to full-time Temple undergraduate students with a current minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
  - Stipend eligibility expires after 8 semesters or graduation, whichever happens first.
  - Student must have been awarded eligibility to use a stipend upon admission to Temple University and must continue to meet all eligibility requirements related to stipend award.

- **Guidelines:**
  - The internship or research project should be closely related to your academic and professional goals or enhance your candidacy for graduate study, or prestigious national scholarships.
  - The internship or research project must be unpaid. In addition to Temple’s stipend, you may accept a small stipend from your employer or third party who is sponsoring the internship/research project to offset high cost of living or expenses (e.g., in New York City). This must be indicated on the application and is subject to approval.
  - You must complete at least one full-time semester after you use the stipend.
  - During the stipend period, you should not have outside employment or enroll in classes.
  - If your project involves international travel, please review and complete steps listed in *Procedures for Temple University Students Travelling Internationally on Temple University Organized, Sanctioned or Funded Activities* before departure.
  - Internships or research projects have a 300-hour minimum requirement. You may combine up to two experiences to meet this requirement.
  - Only qualifying internships or research projects, approved in advance, will be funded.
  - After the project is completed, but before beginning of the fall semester, you must complete and submit Post-Experience Review Form within the Merit Scholar Stipend System.

**Stipend:**
- You may use only one Temple University stipend per year and for internships and research it must be used in the summer.
- Your stipend for an internship or research project will be paid via university payroll during the summer and will be subject to normal tax withholdings.
- As part of the payment process, you will be hired by the university and may need to provide documentation, complete forms, and undergo required training and/or background checks.

**Application:**
- Login to the Merit Scholar System located on the Undergraduate Studies website.
- You will be asked for details of your experience including a brief abstract and a descriptive proposal.
- Once you submit the Web-based application, it will be routed for review/approval first by a full-time Temple faculty member for research or school/college internship approver for internships, and then by dean’s designee of your school/college. Final approval is made by Undergraduate Studies.
- You may be asked to make revisions to your proposal by any of the above parties.

**Deadline and Notification:**
- Your application must be submitted by the deadline of March 9.
- If you submit your application by the deadline, you be notified if your proposal was approved for the stipend no later than April 6.
- You may check the status of your application within the Merit Scholar Stipend System.
- No revisions to an approved application may be made after May 1.
- Withdrawals may be made within the system. If before the application deadline, a new application may be submitted. Any withdrawal of an approved application after the deadline may not be reversed.