THE ROSEMARY RIPLEY FAMILY FUND INTERNSHIPS IN BUSINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE: The Rosemary Ripley Family Fund Internship promotes both business and conservation goals by enabling one or more Yale graduate and professional students to engage in a summer internship after their first year of study at Yale. Applications will be submitted in proposal form and may range widely in terms of purpose, place, and process by which the effort will move forward. Besides the general requirement to incorporate business and conservation/environment elements, these internships must also have a clear international component, i.e., conducting study in another country, with a preferable focus on emerging markets.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Yale graduate and/or professional student having at least one year of course work yet to complete. Open to all students, with preference given to students from emerging nations who wish to eventually return to their home countries for work.

AMOUNT OF AWARD: One grant of $7,500 to support a summer internship. Funding can be used for travel, living, research, or other purposes associated with the proposed project. Under the terms of the award, the recipient will initially receive 80% of the grant. Once the post-project requirements are met (see below), the student will receive the 20% balance.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Interested applicants must submit a short, 5-7 pages, double-spaced, proposal describing the problem and activities they would like to pursue during the upcoming summer period. The proposal should be as specific as possible about the basic problem to be addressed, the institutional setting in which the internship will occur, the timing of tasks and overall duration of the internship, expected outcomes and prospective final products, estimated expenses to accomplish the tasks and overall activities, and how the internship will support your long-term personal, professional and/or academic goals.

Two letters of reference are required – 1) one appraising the applicant’s academic preparations for the internship and significance of the problem proposed and 2) another from the sponsoring organization where the work is to be done describing the organization’s ability to accommodate the applicant’s proposed work.

For applications to be considered, students must demonstrate feasibility/importance of the project via written documentation from the sponsoring organization.

DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION: Please note that this application is not via Yale Student Grants Database. Please submit your proposal to Maya Sanyal, Associate Director, Career and Professional Development Office, Yale School of the Environment at maya.sanyal@yale.edu, no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, Feb 15, 2024. Please include “Rosemary Ripley Family Fund Application, 2024” in the subject line.

AWARDS: An advisory committee will read and consider all submissions, and then select from amongst those demonstrating most potential. Decisions will be reached and announced on, or before March 15, 2024.

POST-PROJECT REQUIREMENT: Upon completion of the internship, the student is required to submit:

1. A narrative report update about student’s internship project and accomplishments. The report should be a minimum of three pages, but preferably longer. If applicable, please feel free to include photos, graphs, etc.
2. A signed thank you note addressed to: “Dear Ms. Ripley:"
3. An updated resume with summer internship information and which also indicates that the student is a “Recipient of the Rosemary Ripley Family Fund Internship in Business and Environment Award.”

The above should be emailed in an MSWord document to Tori Rysz, Director for Donor Relations and Campaign Initiatives, at tori.rysz@yale.edu. The materials can be sent any time after the completion of the internship, but must be received by 5 p.m. EST, September 15, 2024.