

FEDERAL WORK STUDY

How do I qualify for the award?

This award is based on financial need. You must file a 2011-2012 FAFSA and the enclosed application.

How many students will receive the work-study award?

For Summer 2011 we can fund up to 35 students.

How much can I earn from FWS?

Social security will be deducted from your pay. The net earnings after the social security withholding is approximately \$3500. You may check with our Payroll Office if you have questions regarding other Federal or State withholding taxes.

What kinds of jobs are available?

Positions are Research Assistants with an Upstate faculty member as your supervisor. Each job is unique and may have a variety of responsibilities. Some samples of past jobs were: assisting in projects with potential for authorship on publications, working directly with patients and reviewing cases, updating and designing websites, and working with community agencies, such as CNY Poison Control or Medical Examiner's Office.

How do I find a job?

The Research Development Office has solicited the faculty for research and work projects. The list of jobs are available in their office, 1254 Weiskotten Hall and on their website: http://www.upstate.edu/researchadmin/sponsored_programs/funding/intramural.php If a job is not listed and you know of a doctor that is working on a project, you may have that doctor complete a "job description" form. It will be then be reviewed for the work study program. You will receive this form when finalizing your work-study paperwork in May.

When do I start working?

The program begins June 16

Can I start working sooner?

The program is funded fully by Federal money. The funds are available beginning June 16. You can start working prior to June 16 on a volunteer basis. If the department has funding and wishes to pay you prior to June 16, you would arrange that with your supervisor.

How long do I have to work?

The job begins June 16 and ends July 29. You are expected to work full time, approximately 40 hours per week.

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When will I find out if I receive the work-study award ?

Work Study Notification Letters will be sent out during a time between March 15th and April 15th.

How does FWS impact my financial aid ?

FWS is a program of Federal student financial aid, and must be coordinated with other aid you receive. The timeline of the work program occurs during 2 different award years. Therefore your \$3780 award is allocated from two different awards years - your current academic year and your upcoming academic year.

- Your current year budget will be increased \$1080 to include \$1080 of the \$3780 total work study award.
- Your next year's budget will include the estimated living expenses for July (\$1,525) and the \$2700 of the \$3780 of the work study award.
- Your \$2700 FWS earnings become one of your financial aid resources for 2011-2012 that help you meet your total costs for that academic year:
 - Since your living expenses allowance for July is calculated at \$1,525 and your earnings in July will be \$2700, you will need to put \$1100-\$1200 toward your expenses during your academic year.
 - In turn, you will borrow less loan funds for the upcoming academic year since your work study will replace a portion of your loans.

REMEMBER:

ONLY 35 awards are available. Applications will be logged in at the time they are received. The first 35 applications received must have a 'valid, processed' 2011-2012 FAFSA in the financial aid office no later than March 1st. If the FAFSA is received later than March 1st, the next applicant on the list will be considered for the award.

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