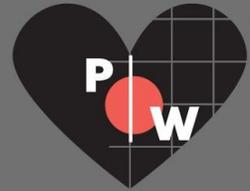


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2020 Purposeful Work Virtual Internship Announcement

In response to the challenging economic circumstances created by COVID-19, and the difficulties associated with recruitment and hiring during this time, Purposeful Work has made the strategic decision to consider seniors as part of this year's Purposeful Work Internship Program. Given the limited pool of available funding, this means that we will unfortunately not be able to consider first-years this year.

While we recognize that the summer is a critical time for all students to be exploring work and gaining valuable experiences, we also recognize that it will be particularly challenging for our seniors this year. Because first-year students will have two additional opportunities to access this program during your time at Bates, we have chosen to offer Purposeful Work funding only to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. We realize this will be a disappointment to first-year students, and we encourage you to reach out to staff at the Center for Purposeful Work if you would like to discuss your summer plans.

Each year, some students participate in the weekly Purposeful Work prompts on Lyceum even though they are not funded by the Purposeful Work Internship Program. This is a way to enhance their summer experiences through reflection and connection with a cohort of fellow Bates students. If you are interested in adding this enriching activity to your summer, we absolutely welcome you! Email us at purposefulwork@bates.edu for additional information.

Additional Resources and Support

As we indicated in last week's first-year class note, you still have many professional development options available to you, ranging from academic courses to local work to network expansion. To complement our suggestions last week, consider these [7 Tips from Thrive Global](#), particularly #6 and #7. Challenging times provide a chance for us to think creatively about how to help others. What are you thinking about?

Should you need any guidance or support with your summer plans, our counselors are available to connect via phone, Zoom, Google Hangout, or email. You can make an appointment for M-F 8 am-4 pm ET through Handshake (log in, go to the upper tab “Career Center” and then click “Appointments”). If you have any trouble making an appointment, please email purposefulwork@bates.edu. You can also email us with questions, concerns, or suggestions for services you’d like to see Purposeful Work provide in the coming days and weeks.

NOTE: If you’ve missed any of the first-year class messages since March 23, please check them out [here on the Purposeful Work COVID-19 page](#).

As always, we’re here for you.

The Team at the Center for Purposeful Work