THE HARRINGTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Harrington Public Affairs Fellowship Program for Undergraduates is funded by the Francis A. Harrington Public Fund. In 1963, Mr. Harrington gave a generous gift to Clark to establish a permanent endowment whose income is to be used for lectures, seminars, scholarships, fellowships and other programming in public affairs. The Harrington Fund is used to support activities and programs such as the Harrington Lecture Series, guest speakers for Political Science classes and other Clark community events, travel and research by Political Science faculty.

The Harrington Public Affairs Fellowship Program was created in 2006-2007 to encourage and support the pursuit of creative or original research in politics and public policy or in service learning in the public or nonprofit sector by Clark undergraduates. The Department awards fellowships for projects that connect to the public life of citizenship and help to create new knowledge that advances public affairs and civic life. Recipients may use their fellowship for a project in the United States or abroad. Approximately five Harrington Fellowship awards will be made each year, ranging from $500-$2500.

The Harrington Public Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to foster a vibrant community of undergraduates who are interested in the study of politics and public policy and in the world of public service, government or nonprofit. It seeks to do this not only by funding projects but by bringing Fellows and their faculty mentors together during the academic year to exchange ideas and experiences. All of the Harrington Fellows share highlights of their Fellowship projects with the wider intellectual community at Clark by participating in either Fall Fest or Academic Spree Day.

ELIGIBILITY
Students may apply if (1) they are Political Science majors or (2) they intend to declare a major in Political Science; and (3) they have completed at least two semesters at Clark and expect to return to Clark the following year so that they will be able to participate in Fellowship community events.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applications are available online or at the Department of Political Science in JEF 302. The deadlines for applications are November 15th (fall) and March 16th (spring) by 12 noon. The Fellows will be selected by the Department of Political Science faculty by December 5th and April 5th.

Applicants should submit a 3-5 page statement that:

- describes the proposed project including when and where it will be carried out;
- explains where/when/how the idea for the project originated and why the project is important to the applicant
- explains how the project connects with public affairs, policy, politics or the public life of citizenship
• articulates a research dimension to the project that will result in the creation of new knowledge that advances public affairs and civic life
• provides an estimated budget for the project, including, for example, travel costs, accommodations, meals, equipment, etc.
• lists the name and contact information of a full-time Clark Political Science faculty member who has agreed to serve as the applicant’s faculty mentor on the project
• lists the name and contact information of a second Clark faculty member who is familiar with the applicant’s academic work
• if applicable, lists the name and contact information of a person at the organization (public institution, nonprofit organization, etc.) where the applicant will be based as an intern, volunteer, etc.

Applicants should also submit a copy of their academic transcript (an unofficial academic grade report, printed from the online Clark Intranet site, will suffice).

Two letters of recommendation are required: one from the Clark Political Science faculty mentor and one from another Clark faculty member (who can be from another department). These two letters should comment on the applicant’s abilities and potential for intellectual and/or professional growth and evaluate the feasibility of the proposed project. A third letter or statement of support is required from an executive staff member of the public or nonprofit organization or agency where the applicant intends to volunteer or do an internship or in-service learning.

Applications should be sent directly to the Harrington Public Affairs Fellowship Program, c/o Chair of the Department of Political Science, no later than noon on November 15th (fall) or March 16th (spring).

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**
Criteria for selection will include the originality of the proposed project; the significance of the proposed project for understanding politics, the role of public service, or the importance of engagement in the public life of citizenship; the applicant’s potential for successfully completing the project; and the likely contribution of the project to the intellectual growth of other members of the community of Harrington Fellows.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**
Students who are interested in applying for a Harrington Fellowship should feel free to contact the Chair or any full-time member of the Department of Political Science. The current Chair is Professor Sharon Krefetz (skrefetz@clarku.edu, x7327, JEF 304).