Gaining experience is vital to being a competitive candidate for employers of all industries. Unfortunately, there are specific settings where finding a paid or funded opportunity can be difficult or feel close to impossible. This resource outlines specific funding resources including grants, scholarships, and fellowships to gain career preparation experiences related to Education, Nonprofit, and Government. While these can be a solid starting point, it is always recommended to do additional research and be creative when thinking about ways to fund these types of experiential opportunities. Don't forget to advocate for yourself and the important work that you're doing! If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If being paid is not an option, there may be other benefits the employer can offer such as a one-time stipend, fulfilling academic course credit, etc.

DePaul Funding Resources:

COMMUNITY- AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING (CPBL) INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS
LAS students who have successfully secured, or in the process of securing, an internship with a non-profit, non-governmental organization, or government entity are encouraged to apply for our Community- and Project-Based Learning Scholarships (CPBL Scholarships).

INTERNSHIP PLU$ PROGRAM
The Internship Plu$ Program was established to support DePaul University students participating in unpaid internships that demonstrate financial need. This program awards up to $2500 in financial assistance to eligible undergraduate students working in quarter-long unpaid internships.

COE STUDENT TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP
The Student Teaching Scholarship assists with costs associated with the student teaching experience.

MCCORMICK COMMUNITY INTERNSHIPS
This program allows DePaul students to work in collaboration with a community organization to design their own internship. The internship should be focused on project-based work that both utilizes the student’s individual talents, experiences and academic expertise as well as benefits the community organization.
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIPS
This includes a variety of scholarships specifically designated for LAS students; requirements vary.

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY FACULTY/STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS
The DePaul Faculty/Staff Endowed Scholarship is open to any full or part-time undergraduate juniors or seniors as well as to graduate and Law students entering their final year who demonstrate strong scholastic achievement and are in good academic standing.

External Funding Resources:

CHICAGO HEADLINE CLUB FOUNDATION
This organization offers multiple scholarships are available for journalism students doing internships in the Chicago area.

B.A. RUDOLPH FOUNDATION
Provides a $4,500 scholarship to young women who have been accepted or have applied to summer internships in progressive public service in the Washington, D.C., area.

JACK KENT COOKE STIPEND PROGRAM
Cooke College Scholars and Cooke Transfer Scholars are invited to apply for a one-time stipend of $5,000 to pursue an unpaid summer internship at a non-profit organization in 2019.

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is a grant program that enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness.

IGNITE FELLOWSHIPS
This program provides diverse, passionate women in communities across the U.S. with resources, training, and networks to launch political careers.

GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
This database is specifically for individuals looking for funding and includes nearly 10,000 grant-makers. It offers details on funders that provide scholarships, fellowships, grants, and a wide range of financial support to individuals.

CAPAL
Wide range of internships and scholarship opportunities for students participating in unpaid non-profit, public policy, and government internships. Check out their website for application details.
Fellowships:

CHARLES B. RANGEL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
This program prepares outstanding young people for careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State in which they can help formulate, represent and implement U.S. foreign policy.

OBAMA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP
The Obama Foundation Fellowship program seeks to support outstanding civic innovators from around the world in order to amplify the impact of their work and to inspire a wave of civic innovation.

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIPS
The Harry S. Truman scholarship foundation awards merit-based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIPS- JUNIOR SUMMER INSTITUTE
The PPIA Junior Summer Institute Fellowship Program is a rigorous academic graduate level preparation program for undergraduate juniors committed to public service careers.

BOREN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
The Boren Fellowships provide up to $24,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests.

HILLVETS HOUSE FELLOWSHIP
HillVets provides support to fellows, who are veterans, as they find full-time positions, especially on Capitol Hill.

JAMES DUNN FELLOWSHIP
The Dunn Fellowship is an opportunity for recent graduates to obtain hands-on experience in state government, while obtaining tools for their future careers. Fellowships are based in Springfield and Chicago, IL, with one placement in Washington D.C.

PROFELLOW
Database of fellowships for a wide variety of interest areas.