Student Financial Implications:  
JIFA Program 2014-15

What impact, if any, has the Jacket Internship Financial Assistance Program (JIFA) have on your life while completing your internship, particularly your economic stability?

1. I was able to complete internships on campus that otherwise wouldn't have existed.

2. It gave me tremendous financial relief. If I hadn't received money from JIFA, I would have been a lot more stressed out during my internship and a lot more likely to focus more on my part-time job at a restaurant than on my internship experience. With the money from JIFA, I was able to focus more on learning what I could learn from my internship than focusing on other things.

3. I had the job market open up for me because I was able to spend 16 hours a week at my internship. They actually hired me part time after graduation. There wasn't a full time position available and I eventually ended up at UW-Superior, but without the JIFA grant, it would've been tough for me to be able to do an internship and be able to pay my bills.

4. The JIFA program gave me the opportunity to fulfill my internship requirement without any financial burden placed upon me. It was an enormous benefit for myself and I know for other students as well. If it could continue, it would be great resource for all students interning.

5. This is a great opportunity for students to get experience through internships that may not originally have funding for those students to intern.

6. Wonderful program for untraditional students who can't afford to take time off of work to work at an unpaid internship. This program is perfect for working adults who are supporting themselves through school without the help of county assistance for which they do not qualify.

7. It was a great. There is no way that I would have been able to do an internship if I wasn't getting paid.

8. The money that I was able to receive helped me keep up with school/rent/life expenses. I can't express enough how great of a thing this is. Plus the staff that set me up for this was phenomenal.

(Sample of student responses, JIFA Program Evaluation 2014-15)