

Professional Experience Grant FAQ's

What if I missed the application deadline?

If your experience became available after the application deadline please contact your Professional U Fellow (listed in the contact section below) to determine if a late application will be considered. You will need to provide justification for the lateness of your application.

What if I am still waiting to receive confirmation on my experience?

You can still apply, if your experience plans change please notify Amanda Kern, Financial Aid Office, at akern@commonwealthu.edu or (570) 389-4297 for access to update your application.

Does the experience have to be for credit or required by my program?

Experiences do not need to be for credit or required by your program of study however they should be relevant to your career path.

Can I receive PEG funding for an experience that occurs after graduation?

No, you must be a current student to receive funding.

What if I am no longer going to complete my experience or my experience plans have changed?

Notify Amanda Kern, Financial Aid Office, at akern@commonwewalthu.edu or (570) 389-4297 to have your application updated or removed. Your award will be cancelled and funds must be returned if you decide not to complete your experience.

Will the full cost of my experience be covered?

Funding is provided to reduce the financial burden of an experience not to cover the full cost. The award amount is determined based on the quality of the application and type of experience.

Can my funds be released early?

Funding is typically disbursed the 2nd week of the semester in which the experience occurs. Summer funding is not available until the 2nd week of July due to the fiscal year. Any expenses due prior to the start of the semester must be paid out of pocket. (For internships with The Washington Center please see the Financial Aid office, due dates are often extended as part of the consortium agreement)

Can my funds be applied to study abroad program fees?

Program fees must be paid through the marketplace based on the payment schedule.

Can I get financial aid for my experience?

If your experience is for credit you may be eligible for financial aid, please contact the financial aid office as we may require additional information or a consortium agreement before your aid can be processed. If your experience requires a financial aid agreement to defer payment please bring any forms to the financial aid office to be completed.

Will my PEG award affect my financial aid package?

Possibly, there is a limit to the amount of financial aid a student is eligible to receive in a year called the cost of attendance. This includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses. The financial aid office may contact you for documentation of any extraordinary expenses due to the experience.

Can I appeal a decision?

Awards are final, the PEG committee reviews each application thoroughly, taking all information provided into consideration.

What if I didn't receive an award notification email by the notification date listed?

Please contact Amanda Kern, Financial Aid Office, at akern@commonwealthu.edu or (570) 389-4297.

I am a faculty/staff member in charge of an experience, how do I make sure my students get funding?

Each student will need to submit a PEG application by the due date. Award amounts may vary by student based on the quality of each student's application.

I am a faculty/staff member and have been asked to submit a recommendation, where do I submit it?

You must follow the unique link that was emailed to you from buaid@commonwealthu.edu to upload your recommendation. If you need the link sent to you again please contact either the applicant or Amanda Kern, Financial Aid Office, at akern@commonwealthu.edu or (570) 389-4297.

Contacts

Application issues and payment – Amanda Kern, Financial Aid Office, akern@commonwealthu.edu or (570) 389-4297

PEG Contract and reflective essay – William Gower, BU Foundation, wgower@bloomufdn.org or (570) 389-5438

Workshops, Resume assistance, Experience Opportunities – Alumni & Professional Engagement, professionalu@commonwealthu.edu or (570) 389-4070

Study Abroad – Phillip Mensch, Global Education, pmensch@commonwealthu.edu or (570) 389-4199

Professional U Fellows

College of Education – Darlene Perner, dperner@commonwealthu.edu , (570) 389-4075

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