CIBER Summer 2015 International Internship Scholarship

The Center for International Business Education and Research is pleased to offer a $1,000 scholarship for students with international internships during summer 2015. CIBER is a federal grant that was established by the U.S. Department of Education to increase U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be students of the Robert H. Smith School of Business and be participating in an approved unpaid internship program or have an official unpaid internship offer for a position located in a country other than the United States. Approved internship programs include the Australian Internship Program and the Maryland Social Entrepreneur Corps. For independent unpaid internships, applicants may be asked to provide a copy of the offer.

Instructions:

1) Complete the information on the application.
2) In an essay of no more than 500 words, answer the prompt below. Do not place your name or identifying information on any page of the essay. The only identifying information will be found on the application.
3) Send the application and essay in one file attachment to ogi@rhsmith.umd.edu by one of the following deadlines:
   a. First consideration deadline: April 1, 2015
   b. Second consideration deadline: April 15, 2015
4) Essays will be judged on how well it addresses the prompt, as well as style and grammar. Applicants will be notified of their award status approximately one week after the deadline.

Prompt:

In an essay of no more than 500 words, explain how you will leverage your international internship to develop your competitiveness in the global economy. Be sure to elaborate on specific skills you expect to develop and opportunities you plan to pursue during your internship to achieve that development.

Additional Requirements:

Scholarship recipients will be required to submit a final deliverable of no more than 500 words at the conclusion of the internship and before the first day of Fall 2015 classes (August 31, 2015). They will answer how they developed their competitiveness in competing in the global economy and outlining any difficulties they faced from their original plan. Scholarship recipients will also be expected to share their experience in information sessions, study abroad affairs, and/or showcases, as appropriate.