

MARTIN A. DALE '53 SUMMER AWARDS

The Martin A. Dale '53 Summer Awards provide financial support to enable a small number of Princeton University sophomores to pursue worthy projects that provide important opportunities for personal growth, foster independence, creativity, and leadership skills, and broaden or deepen some area of special interest. **It is required that the project will take eight weeks or more of the summer.**

Past projects have included:

- Special programs or projects in the creative arts
- Community service projects
- Programs of study that DON'T satisfy academic requirements at Princeton or independent study projects
- International travel* and exploration designed to fulfill a goal

Proposals for participation in formal “structured” programs generally receive less consideration. **In accordance with the travel rules regarding university funds, all award recipients will be required to register all overnight travel in the online university travel database at <http://www.princeton.edu/travel/>. Failure to adhere to this regulation will result in forfeiture of the award.** *Travel should not be to destinations listed on the State Department’s Travel Warning list (see the same website).

ELIGIBILITY

All current sophomores at Princeton University who wish to pursue a summer project are eligible to apply. Applicants' academic records, while not of primary importance, will be considered together with those extracurricular activities which reflect personal initiative and commitment. Selections will be based on the worthiness of the project and its particular value to the individual. The award is intended to allow students the freedom to pursue areas of personal interest that they might otherwise be unable or unlikely to explore further.

AWARDS

The Martin A. Dale '53 awards carry a stipend of \$4,000. Students receiving Princeton grant aid who win the award will have their expected summer earnings replaced. (Please note: The \$4,000 stipend is treated as taxable income by the Internal Revenue Service.)

APPLICATION MATERIALS AND PROCEDURES

Applications will be available at the information meeting held in the residential colleges. Completed applications must be returned to the applicant's residential college office by **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**. Applications are reviewed by faculty and staff selection committees in each college, and the most competitive candidates are invited to an interview. Students are notified of the results of the competition around March 14. (An e-mail notification will be sent to each applicant.)

For further information, please contact the director of studies of your residential college.