

The Porter Cleveland Fellowship Program works in conjunction with the Cleveland Foundation. Since 1999, the Cleveland Foundation has conducted a summer internship program that provides undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates an opportunity to work for 11 weeks in Cleveland-area nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies. The program's objectives include:

- Offering first-hand knowledge of the Greater Cleveland nonprofit community, its leadership, and organizations.
- Providing meaningful career-related work experience.
- Increasing local organizations' capacity to conduct important short-term projects.
- Stimulating interest in a career in the nonprofit or public sectors.
- Exposing students to a broad range of public sector endeavors.

Wheaton students who are selected for the Porter Cleveland Fellowship are required to attend the Cleveland Foundation's Summer Internship Program orientation on May 30th. In addition, selected students are expected to attend the Foundation's weekly professional development seminars. The seminars are held every Wednesday morning (approximately 9:00am-1:00pm) - students return to their internship site for the afternoon. The Cleveland Foundation Summer Internship Program concludes on August 12th and Wheaton students are encouraged to attend the final check in and farewell luncheon at the Cleveland Foundation.

Wheaton students will be assigned a member of the Foundation staff who will act as a coach to focus on building skills for a career in the nonprofit and public sector. Throughout the program, Wheaton students will have the opportunity to share and showcase their respective internship experiences with Cleveland Foundation Interns and Foundation staff.

Throughout the summer, the Cleveland Foundation will host other events (i.e. social, service projects, networking) and Wheaton students are strongly encouraged to attend.