Jewish Foundation for Education of Women
SUNY International Relations and Global Affairs Two-Year Academic Program

Two-Year Academic Program
SUNY’s Office of Global Affairs administers a program supported by The Jewish Foundation for Education of Women (JFEW). The JFEW SUNY International Relations and Global Affairs Program is designed to prepare female SUNY students for careers in the international relations and global affairs fields. The Program also prepares the students to become leaders through mentoring opportunities and peer networks.

The JFEW SUNY Program is a Two-Year Academic Program that includes scholarship funding, Monthly Academic Seminars and a paid Summer Internship. The Scholars receive up to $5,500 (based on financial need) each academic year and a stipend of $3,500 for the summer internship. Scholars are selected through a competitive process and begin the Program in their Junior Year.

The JFEW SUNY Program is funded through the generous support of JFEW and by the three participating campuses: Binghamton University, Geneseo, and Stony Brook University. JFEW awarded SUNY the first grant in 2011 and it has been extended through to 2018. From 2011 to 2018, JFEW will award SUNY close to $2 million in scholarship funding.

Monthly Seminars
During the first academic year, the JFEW SUNY Scholars participate in monthly seminars designed to provide an overview of key global themes, vocabulary, and resources in international relations and global affairs. The seminars include guest speakers from prestigious international organizations, such as the Ford Foundation, the Foreign Policy Association, and the United Nations. In the second year, the monthly seminars are focused on career skills and led by campus Career Services Centers. Scholars participate in the seminars at their campuses by video-conference.

Summer Internships
During the summer between their junior and senior years, the Scholars participate in a paid 8-week summer internship. Organizations that have hosted the Scholars include the U.S. Department of State (NY), The Clinton Foundation, Freedom House, GBCHealth, and the International Rescue Committee. The internship program features private briefings with international leaders, including United Nations ambassadors and NGO presidents. During the Internship, there are weekly evening on-site seminar briefings at organizations such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Pfizer, the Institute of International Education, and Google.

Going Forward
As the JFEW SUNY Scholars graduate and embark on their careers, they will have a positive and important impact as they become leaders in their fields of expertise – in the U.S. and around the world. Since the first graduating class in 2013, Scholars have received Fulbright awards, been accepted at highly-ranked International Relations graduate programs and have embarked on careers in government, NGOs, and business.

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