Who is eligible? You must be an undergraduate or graduate student returning in Fall 2019 enrolled part time or full time in academic good standing in order to qualify for the Beacon Student Success Fellowship. Students graduating in May or August 2019 are not eligible.

What Summer 2019 experiential learning opportunities are eligible for BSSF funding? Experiences include unpaid or underfunded internships, volunteer experiences, study abroad, faculty-supervised research projects, graduate research, participation in an academic symposium, travel related to academic projects and study, service learning, and other forms of experiential learning. Regular summer courses with no experiential component are not eligible.

How will Applicants be evaluated? Students will be evaluated on the quality of their application materials (including their resume and budget), demonstrated financial need, and the impact of the experience on their future goals.

Do I have to secure my experience prior to applying to BSSF? No, students just have to be in the application process for an eligible summer experience in order to complete the BSSF application. Typically the deadline for BSSF occurs prior to some programs providing confirmation of acceptance into their program. Students just must be in the application process.

When will students be notified? SELECTED students will be notified by Mid-May.

Selected students WILL have to provide Verification of their summer experience by May 16, 2019: Refer to the BSSF Verification Sheet for clarification on proper documentation and confirmation of their summer experience.

What if my experience changes? If your experience changes prior to the BSSF deadline, students may update their online application by going back into the site (http://forms.umb.edu/bssf), updating their information and resubmitting the application. If your experience changes after the deadline, students chosen to receive the BSSF will be notified and will have the ability at that time to confirm their experience, decline the funding, or provide updated information if their experience has changed.

What if I no longer need the funding? Please email Career Services at: careers@umb.edu, in the title of the email list “BSSF Funding Request – Withdrawn”. List your name, the experience and make a brief statement as to why you no longer need funding.

How will the BSSF impact my financial aid? Selected students will have the Beacon Student Success Fellowship credited towards their spring 2019 University account. It will be incorporated into the student’s 2018-2019 academic year financial aid package. For more details on financial aid implications refer to the BSSF Financial Aid & Bursar Considerations sheet.

If selected, when will the BSSF funds be transferred to my student account? SELECTED students are notified by mid-May. Students that meet the Verification deadline and properly confirm their summer experience typically receive their BSSF funds in their student account by the end of June, if not sooner. Students need to financially plan accordingly.

What are the program requirements for BSSF? Completion of the Verification and Student Contract; a mid-summer check-in; a mid-summer verification by a supervisor, faculty, or mentor of your experience; the final evaluation; a PPT Poster summarizing your summer experience; participating in Fall 2019 BSSF Symposium. More information on these requirements will be provided to SELECTED students.