



**The Williams-Mystic and Connecticut College
Maritime Studies Study Away
and Research Fellowship
2015-2016**



The Maritime Studies Program of Williams College and Mystic Seaport (Williams-Mystic), the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment, Connecticut College Study Away, and CELS are pleased to announce a 6-month maritime studies study away and associated research fellowship for up to two Connecticut College juniors of any major per academic year.

This study away and associated research fellowship consists of three components:

- * *A semester at Williams-Mystic (Fall 2015 or Spring 2016)*
- *A Research Assistant position during the study away semester in the student's chosen discipline*
- * *A summer Research Assistantship at Williams-Mystic, which will align with Connecticut College's CELS program*

Research with a Williams-Mystic faculty member or Mystic Seaport supervisor does not need to be directed toward a senior thesis or final project at Connecticut College, but it is encouraged.

This is a pilot program, but we anticipate admission to be competitive. Connecticut College rising juniors are enthusiastically encouraged to apply to spend a semester at Williams-Mystic even if they are not awarded this Fellowship.

Program Requirements

Students will work, and be paid, on a similar project/research area during their summer research internship, which will be designed in conjunction with Williams-Mystic faculty and each fellowship student's Connecticut College advisor. The summer research need not be contiguous with the semester. Students are welcome—but not required—to continue or begin this research within their four Williams College courses at Williams-Mystic: Maritime History, Marine Policy, Literature of the Sea, or Marine Science (Ecology or Oceanographic Processes). Please see the Williams-Mystic website for an explanation of this study away semester and all of the travel at sea and adventures around the country: <http://mystic.williams.edu/>

Afterwards, you will present your research experience to the larger Williams-Mystic and Connecticut College academic community on campus.

Expenses

Students accepted for this fellowship pay tuition to Connecticut College in the same way they would for any study away program. However, Williams-Mystic students have the opportunity to work and earn up to \$750, regardless of federal aid or other on-campus arrangements. For the

CELS ten-week summer research internship at Williams-Mystic, fellowship students receive CELS funding (provided that they have maintained eligibility) and free housing at Mystic Seaport. Students engage in all of the rigors, learning, and assessment typical to any CELS summer internship.

Admissions Process

Admission to this fellowship is dependent on both the academic promise of the student and the availability of Williams-Mystic faculty and Museum supervisors based on a given student's research interest and field of study. Applying for the Fellowship consists of filling out the standard Williams-Mystic admissions application and acquiring relevant signatures and transcripts. At the top of your personal statement indicate clearly in bold: "*Application for the Williams-Mystic and Connecticut College Maritime Studies Study Away and Research Fellowship.*" In your personal statement indicate your primary area of research interest at Williams-Mystic and who the primary faculty contact at Connecticut College would be. Include here also which summer for research you would prefer and if research will be going toward a senior thesis or final project.

Applicants will have an admissions interview and an interview with a Williams-Mystic faculty member. For this pilot year, if you are applying to the fellowship program, the application fee is waived. See: Williams-Mystic application [.pdf link: <http://mystic.williams.edu/files/2012/08/14-15-Application.pdf>]

Deadline

To attend Williams-Mystic Fall 2015 or Spring 2016 (summer research this summer or after junior year, 2016), apply to the Study Away Office at Connecticut College by
February 13, 2015

[hyperlink: <http://www.conncoll.edu/academics/global-focus/study-abroad/timelines/>]

Then send completed Williams-Mystic application, *with fellowship-specific personal statement*, due to the Williams-Mystic office by **February 27, 2015**. Interviews in Mystic will take place soon afterwards.

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