



# RFF 2009 Summer Internship Program

Resources for the Future (RFF), an independent nonprofit organization specializing in research, policy analysis, and public education on environmental, energy, and natural resource issues, offers summer internships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. Priority consideration is given to graduate students. The program is open to both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens, provided the latter have proper work and residency documentation. Internships are available beginning in June and ending in late August for a 10-week assignment. To meet individual needs, some flexibility in the beginning and ending dates is possible. Students will earn a stipend (\$375 per week for graduate students; \$350 per week for undergraduates). Housing assistance is not provided.

Each intern can expect to work with one or more RFF researchers on a variety of ongoing projects or assist in the development of entirely new areas of research and policy analysis. Highly motivated candidates in the social and natural sciences with training in economics and quantitative methods, or with a keen interest in public policy, are encouraged to apply. Candidates should display strong writing skills and a desire to analyze complex environmental policy problems amenable to interdisciplinary methods. The ability to work without supervision in a careful and conscientious manner is essential.

RFF will post a list of anticipated research projects for summer 2009 on the internship opportunities web page ([www.rff.org/internships/summer](http://www.rff.org/internships/summer)) by mid-January. Students are urged to consult that listing before applying to determine if they have a suitable background for those areas. Applications will not be accepted prior to January 15, 2009.

No application form is required. Students applying for the 2009 internship program should send an application package by email to [summerintern@rff.org](mailto:summerintern@rff.org) by **March 6, 2009**, with: (1) a cover letter specifying project(s) of interest; (2) a resume; (3) a recent transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable); and (4) a brief writing sample (3-5 pages of a recent paper—excerpts are acceptable). The cover letter should be as specific as possible regarding project(s) of interest—reason for the choice(s), related class work or experience, etc. In addition, please provide the name, address, phone number, and email information for two references.

Students will receive electronic notification of receipt of application materials. Candidates selected for a position will be notified by mid-April. For further information, please contact the Internship Coordinator at [IC@rff.org](mailto:IC@rff.org) or 202-328-5008.

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Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.*



## The Walter O. Spofford, Jr., Memorial Internship

Resources for the Future (RFF), an independent nonprofit organization specializing in research, policy analysis, and public education on environmental, energy, and natural resource issues, has established the Walter O. Spofford, Jr., Memorial Internship. With Dr. Spofford's help, the RFF China Program was launched in 1989, and his name became synonymous with RFF's work in China. His important contributions include mentoring Chinese researchers; working with Chinese officials to establish environmental standards compatible with sustainable economic growth; assisting in the development of environmental master plans for Beijing, Chongqing, and Shandong; and helping to establish the Beijing Environment and Development Institute (BEDI). To honor and continue this important work, RFF is offering a paid internship for graduate students with a special interest in Chinese environmental issues to spend time at RFF in Washington, DC. Chinese students are particularly encouraged to apply. Students will earn a stipend, in the amount of \$375/week. No housing assistance is provided.

The intern can expect to work with one or more RFF researchers on a variety of ongoing projects or assist in the development of entirely new areas of research and policy analysis. RFF seeks highly motivated candidates in their first or second year of graduate training in the social or natural sciences. Candidates should also have outstanding policy analysis and writing skills. Specific information about the research interests of RFF can be found on RFF's website, [www.rff.org](http://www.rff.org).

Students wishing to apply for the Walter O. Spofford, Jr., Memorial internship for the summer of 2009 should submit a completed application form available at [www.rff.org/internships/spofford](http://www.rff.org/internships/spofford), a cover letter describing their areas of interest, a resume, and a recent transcript. Applicants must have proof of eligibility to be employed in the United States. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member should be sent directly by the professor to RFF. **All application materials must be received by February 27, 2009.** The cover letter and resume must be uploaded with the application form at [www.rff.org/internships/spofford](http://www.rff.org/internships/spofford). Transcripts and recommendation letters should be sent either by email to [spofford-award@rff.org](mailto:spofford-award@rff.org) with the name of applicant in the subject field, or by post mail to: Coordinator for Academic Programs—Spofford Award, Resources for the Future, 1616 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1400, Phone: 202-328-5138, Fax 202-939-3460. Announcement of the award will be made in April.

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