

John Smartt

SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Research & Programming Fellowship

PROGRAM DATES

Tuesday, June 2 -
Thursday, July 9, 2026

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

May 2026

ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

- Must be a doctoral student in any discipline
- Must be interested in conducting research or practice related to Minority Serving Institutions
- Must be available to work 20 hours a week during the duration of the program

Learn more at
cmsi.gse.rutgers.edu/JSSS.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

John Smartt Summer Scholars (JSSS) is a virtual internship program developed by the Rutgers Center for Minority Serving Institutions (CMSI) in the Rutgers Graduate School of Education. The program provides interested doctoral students with the opportunity to gain professional experience, network with scholars in the field of higher education, and learn essential research and programming skills related to equity and leadership in higher education.

The JSSS program is named in honor of CMSI longtime supporter John Smartt, and seeks to recruit ambitious individuals who demonstrate an interest in learning more about Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). The internship, centered on the scholarship and programs of CMSI, includes financial compensation and will offer selected interns practical research skills and programmatic skills that will help them as they move forward in their careers.

Interns will receive generous benefits including a \$2,000 stipend, faculty mentoring, opportunities to gain research and professional experience, and an invitation to attend ELEVATE, a multi-day professional development workshop for early career, tenure-track faculty at MSIs.

All application materials are due no later than **March 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

Please be sure to submit all of the following materials by the application deadline:

- **A completed online application**
- A strong personal statement should be no longer than 4,500 characters and should highlight what you expect to learn from the opportunity and how it relates to your research and career goals
- An uploaded CV/resume
- 1 reference letter