

# John Smartt

## SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

### Research & Programming Fellowship

#### PROGRAM DATES

Tuesday, June 2 -  
Thursday, July 11, 2025

#### SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

April 2025

#### ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

- Must be a graduate student in any discipline
- Must be interested in conducting research or practice related to Minority Serving Institutions
- Must be available to work 19.5 hours a week during the duration of the program

Learn more at  
[cmsi.gse.rutgers.edu/JSSS](https://cmsi.gse.rutgers.edu/JSSS).

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## APPLY NOW!

#### 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 graduate students (masters and doctoral) 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 11, 2025 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