

## **DEVESH SHAH LEARNING EXPERIENCE GRANTS**

The Individualized Major Program is pleased to announce the Devesh Shah Learning Experience Grants, in support of IMP students engaged in particularly noteworthy and deserving off-campus activities closely connected with their fields of study, including but not limited to internships and volunteer experiences. Although these funds are intended to help defray the costs associated with such experiences, their distribution is not dependent on the reimbursement of documented expenses.

Awards will be in the amount of \$2,000 with a limit of one per student. Selection for awards will be competitive. The IMP grants committee will confer awards on students whose proposed experiences best meet the selection criteria, with no awards given in the absence of qualified candidates.

Criteria for selection include:

- The prestige of the organization offering the opportunity.
- The uniqueness of the experience provided.
- The particular suitability of the experience based on the student's major.
- The applicant's academic record.

To apply, submit the following documents to the IMP office:

- A two-page description of the proposed experience, indicating its importance for the student's field of study and intellectual development.
- A letter from the student's supervisor substantiating the details of the experience (for example, duration of employment, duties to be carried out, etc.). Students who are unsure of whom they might identify as a supervisor of the experience should consult Nick Williams or Paul Aarstad.
- A letter from at least one faculty sponsor emphasizing the significance of the experience to the student's course of study and the qualities of the student that place him or her in a particularly advantageous position to succeed in and benefit from the experience.
- An unofficial IU transcript.

Recipients will be required to produce the following:

- A personal thank-you letter to Mr. Devesh Shah.
- A brief essay for public record detailing their use of the funds provided.

**The application deadline is February 1, 2012.**

**Applicants will be informed of the results of the competition by March 1, 2012.**

*Devesh Shah is a distinguished alumnus of the Indiana University Individualized Major Program who graduated in 1997 with a major in applied math with finance. He pursued a career on Wall Street, including time at the firm of Goldman Sachs. Mr. Shah has a long-standing interest in furthering student opportunities for educational experiences in the world beyond the academy.*