

The McBride Center For
Faith & Literature
at Oklahoma Christian University

APPLICATION FOR
The Roaring Lambs Undergraduate Fellowship

McBride Center Undergraduate Fellows agree to attend the annual McBride Lecture conducted each October to receive the fellowship stipend. (Indicate One)

_____ Agree _____ Decline

McBride Center Undergraduate Fellows agree to work with the McBride Center Director to conduct an effective Internship Orientation session for future Fellows. (Indicate One)

_____ Agree _____ Decline

Signed: _____

Name: (Please Print) _____

Date: _____

Please attach:

- 1) Letter from Internship Supervisor on Company Letterhead describing your internship and evaluating your performance.
- 2) A 1000-word creative-non-fiction essay which demonstrates the value of your internship experience, articulates how you envision your faith relating to your professional goals, and describes how you grew through the internship experience.
- 3) Signed Application Form above.

If you have questions about this application, please contact McBride Center Director, Dr. Scott LaMascus at scott.lamascus@oc.edu

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THE ROARING LAMBS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Inspired by Bob Briner's *Roaring Lambs: A Gentle Plan to Radically Change Your World* (Zondervan, 1993, 2000) and funded by a generous gift from a friend of Oklahoma Christian University, this fellowship advances the mission of the McBride Center to champion excellence in the humanities at Oklahoma Christian University.

The Roaring Lambs Fellows of the McBride Center are OC students inspired to genuine leadership (commitment, confidence, ideals, and vision) in professional writing and/or publishing fields, including emphasis on any of the many forms of professional writing, including creative writing, nonfiction, drama, scriptwriting, and others. Briner identifies excellence in writing and publishing as a key for "penetrating every area of our society with the message of Christ" (157). He argues, "We need both more Christians who are writers and writers who are Christians" (131).

The Roaring Lambs Fellowship seeks to inspire, recognize, enable, and reward Oklahoma Christian students who aspire to excellence in writing or publishing at the national level.

The Fellow(s) will receive a cash stipend and serve as ambassadors to inform and inspire other students to aspire to national publishing or editing internships.

A writing and publishing fellowship is particularly appropriate to the McBride Center because Bailey McBride has made significant achievements as a writer and editor. He has inspired many students to seek to become writers and publishing professionals.

The Roaring Lambs Fellowship program seeks to advance the mission of the McBride Center as:

- *a **catalyst to encourage students** to seek writing and publishing careers as a Christian ministry, even when secular publishing houses or markets are the primary venues of their energies (132);
- *a **concrete reminder** that all young people who seek to write "whether it's poetry, short stories, science fiction, or whatever - that person ought to be nurtured and encouraged to use that interest for the Lord" (132);
- *a **demonstration for gifted students** that it "is possible to make a living by writing" (132) and;
- *an **inspiration to offer professional excellence to God.**

Program Description: Each year all OC students are invited to submit applications to internships of national publishing concerns across the nation. Guidelines for seeking internships are available online. Applications for the internship also are available online.

Go to: www.oc.edu/mcbridecenter

Contact McBride Center Director, Dr. Scott LaMascus at scott.lamascus@oc.edu



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How to Get an Internship In Professional Editing or Publishing

The McBride Center will offer The Roaring Lambs Undergraduate Fellowship to one or more students up to \$1,000 per Fellow. To qualify for this fellowship, a student must successfully complete a summer internship before September 1 of the academic year (most ideally between their junior and senior years). Each applicant also must complete the McBride Center application for the Roaring Lambs Undergraduate Fellowship. (see www.oc.edu/mcbridecenter)

Internships are listed online for most major publishers. Please remember to consider the following guidelines.

- Each student is responsible for locating and application to the internship(s) in the student's area(s) of interest. If you have questions about whether the internship will be eligible for the Roaring Lambs Fellowship, please contact the McBride Center Director.
- Some internships are paid; others are not.
- Many OC degree-programs allow academic credit for "practicum" experiences. Ask your OC advisor whether you could earn credit toward your degree through the internship.
- Remember to consider publishing internships near your hometown or in places where you could save expenses. (For example, if your grandparents live in Denver, investigate eligible internships in Denver.) However, internships with national publishers are the focus of the fellowship.
- Remember that fall/spring internships may be less competitive than summer internships. Could you take a semester off campus by using online courses at OC? Investigate this possibility with your academic advisor.

Consult the following list of publishing companies offering summer internship opportunities that will qualify a student for the fellowship. Other internships with national publishing houses likely would be eligible by approval of the McBride Center director. The student is responsible for approval prior to application to the McBride Center. This is a partial list and is intended for illustrative purposes only.

Approved Publishing Companies with Internship Opportunities:

- **Random House Inc.** – New York City, Colorado Springs, Baltimore
<http://careers.randomhouse.com>
- **Penguin Group Inc.** – New York City
<http://us.penguin.com/static/html/aboutus/contactus.html>
- **Scholastic Inc.**— New York City, Secaucus, NJ, Danbury, CT
<http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/iob/iobsearch.asp>
- **Pelican Publishing Company** – Gretna, LA
<http://www.pelicanpub.com/interngd.htm>
- **Harcourt Trade Publishers** – San Diego



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<http://www.harcourt.com/HRJobs/index.html>

- **Columbia University Press – New York City**
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/press/index.html>

Other Places to Find Internship Opportunities

- **MonsterTRAK.com**
www.MonsterTRAK.com
- **Bookjobs.com**
www.bookjobs.com/internships.php
- **The Children's Book Council**
www.cbc.books.org/careers/internships.html

For more information on the importance of internships and tips on how to best secure one, click the link and read the following article from Publishing Central: <http://www.publishingcentral.com/articles/20030517-6-Occ8.html>

For help deciding if an internship is important in your discipline or to your career goals, contact the OC Career Services office.

For help with the McBride Center application for the Roaring Lambs Undergraduate Fellowship, contact: Dr. Scott LaMascus, McBride Center Director, at scott.lamascus@oc.edu



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