

# Wesleyan Black Alumni Council Prize

(\$4,000 student scholarship for a summer experience grant)

In April 1986, the Wesleyan Black Alumni Council (WBAC) established a memorial fund to honor deceased alumni of African descent. The memorial honors the memory and spirit of Bruce D. Hall '77, James "Donnie" Rochester '74, and Dwight L. Greene '70. In its wisdom, the Council agreed that the most fitting honor of the spirit of deceased alumni was through a scholarship/summer experience grant to enrich and expand the education of students from underrepresented groups, or students interested in research pertaining to the African-American experience. The maximum stipend is \$4,000.

**Application:** A student who wishes to apply for the Wesleyan Black Alumni Council Memorial Prize must submit a proposal that includes all of the following:

1. A personal statement that includes a discussion of the applicant's intellectual and academic interests and their relationship to the African American experience.
2. A description of the research plan that discusses the nature, scope and methodology that will be used to explore the problem/thesis/project.
3. An itemized budget that describes how the stipend will be used.
4. An unofficial academic history.

The application must be submitted as an email attachment (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, to Class Dean Jennifer Wood ([jpwood@wesleyan.edu](mailto:jpwood@wesleyan.edu)). Potential applicants for the WBAC Memorial Prize are strongly encouraged to make an appointment to meet with Dean Wood to discuss their proposal ideas:

215 North College  
Phone: 860.685.2758

**Office Hours:**

Mon: 2-3 p.m.  
Tues: 3-4 p.m.  
Wed: 5-7 p.m.  
Thurs: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Fri: 2-4 p.m.

**Benefits to the Recipient:** A funded opportunity for the Recipient to bring a project to fruition. At the annual Dwight L. Greene Symposium during Homecoming/ Family Weekend, the Recipient will be highlighted to the audience. The Recipient will also be celebrated in the annual Awards and Scholarships reception presented by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and lastly, have the opportunity to present their project/research at the Alumni and Student of Color Reception during Homecoming/Family Weekend.

**Some Past recipients:** DonChristian Jones '12, Teju Adisa-Farrar '13, Oladoyin Oladapo '14, Noah Korman '15.

**Please be aware:** Recipients of the Dana and Mellon awards and other paid summer internships are not eligible to apply for the WBAC Memorial Prize. A student will not be permitted to accept another award or paid summer internship in conjunction with the WBAC Prize. An applicant may, however, use proposals that were submitted for other funding to apply for the WBAC Prize.

The Wesleyan Black Alumni Council Memorial Prize Selection Committee extends to you its best wishes for your success!