THE ROSEMARY RIPLEY FAMILY FUND INTERNSHIPS IN BUSINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE: The Rosemary Ripley Family Fund Internship promotes both business and conservation goals by enabling one or more Yale graduate and professional students to engage in a summer internship after their first year of study at Yale. Applications will be submitted in proposal form and may range widely in terms of purpose, place, and process by which the effort will move forward. Besides the general requirement to incorporate business and conservation/environment elements, these internships must also have a clear international component, i.e. conducting study in another country, with a preferable focus on emerging markets.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Yale graduate and/or professional student having at least one year of course work yet to complete. Open to all students, with preference given to students from emerging nations who wish to eventually return to their home countries for work.

AMOUNT OF AWARD: Up to two grants of $5,000 each to support a summer internship. These funds can be used for travel, living, research, or other purposes associated with the proposed project. Under the terms of the award, the recipient will initially receive $4,000. Once the post-project requirements are met, the student will receive the balance of the grant ($1,000).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Interested applicants must submit a short, 2-4 pages, double-spaced, proposal describing the problem and activities they would like to pursue during the summer period. The proposal should be as specific as possible about the basic problem to be addressed, the institutional setting in which the internship will occur, the timing of tasks and overall duration of the internship, expected outcomes and prospective final products, estimated expenses to accomplish the tasks and overall activities, and how the internship will support your long-term personal, professional and/or academic goals.

Two letters of reference are required – one appraising the applicant’s academic preparations for the internship and another describing the significance of the problem and the applicant’s capacity to accomplish the work proposed. For applications to be considered, students must demonstrate feasibility/importance of the project via written documentation from the sponsoring organization.

DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION: Submit your proposal to Maya Sanyal (maya.sanyal@yale.edu). Please include “Rosemary Ripley Family Fund Award” in the subject line.

AWARDS: A faculty advisory committee will read and consider all submissions and then select those demonstrating most potential. Decisions will be reached and announced in April.

POST-PROJECT REQUIREMENT: Upon completion of the internship, the student is required to submit 1) a narrative report update about his/her internship project and accomplishments. The report should be a minimum of three pages, but preferably longer. If applicable, please feel free to include photos, graphs, etc.; 2) a thank you note addressed to: “Dear Ms. Ripley”; 3) an updated resume with summer internship information and which also indicates that the student is a “Recipient of the Rosemary Ripley Family Fund Internship in Business and Environment Award.” The above should be emailed in a word document to Rita Chepulis, Director of Stewardship and Donor Relations, at rita.chepulis@yale.edu. The materials can be sent any time after the completion of the internship, but must be received by the beginning of the following academic year.