Tulane named a top college for work-study opportunities

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'The Student Loan Report' ranked Tulane 19th out of 200 private universities for providing students with federal work-study opportunities. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

According to a new study from <u>The Student Loan Report</u>, Tulane University is among the best for providing work-study opportunities to students. Out of 200 private universities participating in the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program, Tulane University ranked 19th in the report — providing 1,084 jobs with an average compensation of \$2,892 per position during the 2015–16 academic year. "The human resources team is excited to offer meaningful work experiences where students can acquire job readiness skills during their academic journey," said Shantay Bolton, associate vice president of human resources.

The FWS Program grants part-time employment opportunities to students, who can earn income while gaining firsthand experience within their degree field.

"Students are taking advantage of opportunities to make themselves more marketable once they graduate," said student employment manager Luis Behrhorst. "Our student employees make up 46 percent of the actual workforce here at Tulane. We rely on them for daily operations within every single academic department at the university."

After a job fair at the start of each academic year, the Office of Human Resources assesses each student applicant's major and career interests to assist them in finding a fitting hiring department on campus.

Student workers also connect to the local community through off-campus jobs with partnering organizations, such as <u>Tulane Hillel</u>, <u>Grow Dat Youth Farm</u> and the Tulane Community Tutor Program.

"We are currently looking for more innovative and creative ways to engage our students and are exploring what we can do better this year to improve our rankings for next year," said Bolton.

For more information about work-study opportunities at Tulane, contact the <u>Office of</u> <u>Human Resources</u>.

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