



CONNECTIONS – 2005/2006

CONNECTIONS is designed to assist students in defraying educational costs. If you are unable to continue your UMass Dartmouth education due to increased costs, Connections may be able to assist you. The Connections program provides a \$400 fee waiver for 40 hours of community service or research per semester.

Connections is open to all students except those graduate assistants and exchange students receiving tuition benefits. (Students awarded a graduate assistantship after receiving a Connections waiver can expect to have the Connections award rescinded.) Students who have applied for financial aid by completing a 2004-2005 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have financial need will receive priority consideration. Students who have not applied for financial aid should file the FAFSA as soon as possible. International students should complete a separate statement outlining specific financial concerns, and note that we will review their I-20 and financial documentation submitted in support of their I-20. Due to immigration regulations, international students are restricted to on-campus project assignments.

To apply, simply complete the questions below and return to the Financial Aid Office **PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER IN WHICH YOU WISH TO WORK**. Eligibility will be noted on this form and forwarded to the Student Employment Office to select a faculty-directed research project or community service assignment. Assignment of projects depends on available program funding and open positions. At the end of the program, you will be asked to complete a brief reflection on your experiences.

Name _____ SSN _____

Local Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

1. Describe any prior community service or research experience you have had.

2. Why do you wish to take part in the Connections Program?

3. Have you completed a 2005-2006 FAFSA?
If you are an international student (not eligible to file the FAFSA), please attach a letter outlining your specific financial circumstances.

By signing below, I certify that I will accept a project assignment necessary to obtain the Connections fee waiver.

Signature

Date

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Eligibility Index: _____ Term(s) of Service: _____

Date Placed: _____ Supervisor Agreement (Y / N): _____ Location: _____