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UM WORK-STUDY STUDENTS FILL SUMMER JOBS ACROSS THE NATION

MISSOULA--

Between 800 and 1000 University of Montana students will qualify for jobs ranging from Missoula city street maintenance to youth counseling in New York City made available by UM's work-study program this summer. Under the direction of the UM Financial Aids Office and Jerome R. Murphy, the summer program has expanded to offer jobs across the country as well as in many Montana communities.

The work-study program is a national one and is directed by the U.S. Office of Education. By agreement with U of M, non-profit institutions and agencies may hire work-study students on either a full or part-time basis. The federal government then pays 85 per cent of the student's wages.

This summer for the first time work-study has offered an opportunity for 21 UM students to work in New York City with the Urban Corps. The Urban Corps is a joint program of the office of the mayor of New York and the N. Y. C. department of personnel and is designed to give college students an opportunity to responsibly participate in the operations of urban government. The students will fill positions much like those open in Montana but will have the educational advantage of their visit to New York and their participation in the Urban Corps' program of cultural and recreational activities.

Agencies in Washington and Oregon have also made agreements with UM, thus making this summer's work-study positions available coast to coast, and bringing the number of agencies affiliated with UM from 7 last summer to 63 for the summer of 1968.

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Twelve colleges and universities participate in the Montana work-study program. Student participants may find jobs with the numerous state, county and city agencies cooperating with the program. During the summer they might work for Head Start, the Y. M. C. A., a church or one of the universities. Most students who qualify for work-study are employed within the state. Many prefer to find positions in their hometowns to eliminate the cost of living away from home, John Weida, UM work-study coordinator, said.

A UM student's qualification for work-study is decided by the University financial aids office and is based upon his financial need and upon the jobs available.

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