

2021 SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Undergraduate students are invited to submit proposals for summer research, scholarly, and creative projects for the 2021 Summer Undergraduate Research Program. The purpose of the program is to foster mentored research, scholarship, and creative activity between undergraduate students and faculty and staff mentors; to encourage student participation in a range of research, scholarly or creative experiences; and to encourage collaboration across disciplines - the humanities, arts, natural and physical sciences, and social sciences, inclusive of co-curricular activities.

Two types of opportunities are available:

- **Fellowships (for 200-hour projects)** - support student-driven research, scholarship, and creative activity between students and faculty or staff mentors, and encourage student participation in the full range of research activities, including project design and implementation, analysis of results, and professional communication of findings.
- **Developmental Awards (for 100-hour projects)** - provide opportunities for students early in their academic careers to learn research and scholarly skills and gain experience by working closely with a mentor on a project. Developmental projects may include more mentor involvement and direction than fellowship proposals.

Eligibility Requirements

Student eligibility:

- ✓ Students must have completed 24 credit hours of coursework at UW-Superior by May 14, 2021, be in good academic standing, and plan to be enrolled for the 2021-22 academic year;
- ✓ Students who have previously received a Developmental Award may apply for a 200-hour Fellowship; students who have previously received a Fellowship cannot re-apply.

Mentor eligibility:

- ✓ All faculty and academic staff, including adjunct instructors, are eligible to participate as mentors in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program;
- ✓ Mentors must be available to work with students throughout the entire summer, meeting at least weekly to provide guidance and feedback;
- ✓ Mentors who have previously participated in the program may re-apply;
- ✓ Mentors may mentor one Fellowship recipient only; requests to mentor one Developmental Award recipient in addition to a Fellowship recipient will be considered on a case-by case basis.

Project eligibility:

- ✓ Projects must meet the campus definition of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity (see below);
- ✓ Projects may be part of a larger research or creative undertaking, but should outline the larger project and identify how the student's work fits in, and what contribution it will make to the larger effort or ongoing project;
- ✓ **Fellowship proposals** may be a collaboration between student and mentor, but should be substantially the work of the student, and should include evidence of student motivation and originality;
- ✓ **Developmental projects** should be appropriate for the student's level of experience and the 100-hour timeframe; acceptable projects include activities such as literature reviews, data collection, analytical work, and exploratory work that lays a foundation for future research;
- ✓ Projects must be compatible with UW-Superior's current alternate delivery format and conform to health and safety protocols in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. Campus COVID information is available here: <https://www.uwsuper.edu/spring2021/index.cfm>

Awards:

- ✓ Applications will be reviewed by a team of faculty and staff representing a variety of disciplines;
- ✓ Up to ten (10) fellowships and ten (10) developmental awards will be made in 2021;
- ✓ Fellowships are \$3,500 for students, for projects involving at least 200 hours of work;
- ✓ Developmental awards are \$1,750 for students, for projects involving 100 hours of work;
- ✓ Mentors receive a stipend of \$1,000 for the summer;
- ✓ Applicants will be notified of decisions by April 16th.

Award Recipients:

Summer Undergraduate Research Program award recipients are expected to treat their research project as they would employment. Students may not have full-time employment, internship, or other research commitments, travel abroad, or other activities that will compete with project responsibilities.

Expectations for award recipients:

- ✓ Fellowship recipients commit to work at least 20 hours/week on their project, a minimum of 200 hours of effort over the summer; developmental award recipients commit to work a total of 100 hours on their project over the summer;
- ✓ Attend a student/mentor orientation session to review participant responsibilities, expectations and program logistics;
- ✓ Submit proposals involving human subject research to the UW-Superior Institutional Review Board for review and approval before projects begin;
- ✓ Students and mentors commit to meet weekly throughout the summer;
- ✓ Complete project work by August 20, 2021;

- ✓ Participate in the campus Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium in fall 2021; fellowship recipients select one additional activity to disseminate the results of their work.

To apply: Application guidelines are available on the Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity web page: <https://www.uwsuper.edu/ursca/events/surf.cfm>

Deadline: Submit applications to ursca@uwsuper.edu by 5 p.m. on **March 8, 2021**

Questions? Attend an informational meeting February 11th at 12 noon:

<https://uwsuper.zoom.us/j/87641903561>

Or contact Julie O’Leary at joleary3@uwsuper.edu

What Qualifies as Undergraduate Research?

UW-Superior has adopted the Council on Undergraduate Research’s (CUR’s) definition of undergraduate research: *An inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.*

The Arts and Humanities Division of CUR adds these specifics to the definition:

Undergraduate research in the arts and humanities is student-driven, faculty-mentored inquiry, scholarly investigation, and/or creative activity. The undergraduate researcher's work may contribute to outcomes including, but not limited to, individual or collaborative analytical writing; oral presentation; small analytical products; works of visual art; compilations of scholarship; exhibits; musical compositions; plays; performance; public scholarship; and/or peer-reviewed publication. Whatever the research product, its value is generally weighed by standards specific to experts in the field, whether jurors, editors, or reviewers.