

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Undergraduate Summer Mini-grant

Purpose of the Summer Mini-grants

College of Arts and Sciences Summer Mini-grants support research and creative activities by undergraduate students whose majors are within the College of Arts and Sciences. **The emphasis will be on research, scholarly and creative activity, with projects of an interdisciplinary nature encouraged.** Proposals at the interface of two or more academic areas are encouraged. An award of up to \$3,000 will be granted to qualifying undergraduate students to continue or initiate a research or creative project, under the guidance of a regular faculty member or members within the College of Arts and Sciences, during at least an 8-week period in the summer of 2017. The recipients of the mini-grants should be in residence at their home campuses conducting research during the 8-week funding period. A mini-grant award cannot be used in conjunction with any other awards or fellowships.

Application Deadline:

Monday, March 27, 2017

General Guidelines

The Summer Mini-grant application should be five pages in length.

Pages 1 and 2: The student mini-grant applicant must provide a two-page description of the proposed research/scholarly/creative activity as outlined below.

- 1) What is the proposed project and your part in it?
- 2) What is the rationale for this project?
- 3) If this is an ongoing project, what are the results of your pilot studies or previous experiences that support the proposed project?

Page 3: The sponsoring faculty mentor or mentors must address the following questions in a one-page statement of support.

- 1) Do you agree to support and actively supervise the research or creative activity proposed by this undergraduate student?
- 2) What matching or additional support will you or your Department contribute?

Signatures of the sponsoring faculty member or members and the Chair/Director of the Department/School need to be included in the statement of support.

Page 4: The applicant must provide a one-page resume that, includes but is not limited to, the applicant's name, WSU ID number, mailing address (local, permanent, and departmental), telephone number (local, permanent, and departmental), e-mail address, academic accomplishments (including cumulative and current GPA), his/her declared major, and anticipated date of graduation.

Page 5: The applicant must provide a budget page that details the direct costs and any matching or additional support. (Living expenses can be included in the costs.)

Notes

- 1) The College of Arts and Sciences wants more of our majors to have undergraduate research/creative experiences. Therefore, preference will be given to applicants who have not been funded previously by the College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Summer Mini-grant.
- 2) The successful applicant will be required to submit a final report by September 15, 2017. The reports may be in the form of a scholarly paper, or a short written summary that accompanies a creative product, such as a collection of poetry or a dvd/cd documenting a creative activity. Four projects will be featured in the College of Arts and Sciences online journal, *ASK*. Also, students with original discoveries, results, or creative products are encouraged to present their work at

- venues such as professional meetings, exhibitions, or performances. Additional funding may be available for travel to such venues. The report should also include an account of how funds were spent and if any funds remain to be returned. Any durable goods (computers, books, equipment, etc.) purchased with mini-grants funds become the property of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 3) Recipients of the mini-grant are required to submit an abstract to SURCA 2018 (Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) and, if the abstract is accepted, create and present a poster explaining their research.

Submit the five-page proposal to: V. S. “Mano” Manoranjan, Senior Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, zip 2630, 309 Thompson Hall, or by email to Debbie Brood at brood@wsu.edu.