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 $3000 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 2015. 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
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

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

Pages 1 and 2: The student mini-grant applicant should 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 you have already been active in this research or creative area, what are the results of your pilot studies or previous experiences that support the proposed project?

Page 3: The sponsoring faculty mentor or mentors should 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 should 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 should 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 18, 2015. 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.

3) Recipients of the mini-grant are required to submit an abstract to SURCA 2016 (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” Manoranj, Senior Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, zip 2630, 309 Thompson Hall, or by email to Fran Meserve at meserve@wsu.edu.