

## **SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**Application Deadline: April 22, 2012**

The Summer Research Scholars Program provides support for students to make a substantial commitment to research and scholarly activity. Students work closely with a faculty mentor to develop a project which they will complete independently. This program is open to students in all disciplines, and the potential projects may take on many forms.

### **Guidelines**

A maximum of six Summer Research Scholars will be awarded, with each student receiving a stipend of \$2000. The faculty mentor will receive \$300 in his or her professional development account after the student submits the final report with the Office of Academic Affairs. In the event that a student is mentored by more than one faculty member, the faculty stipend will be divided equally. This competitive program is available to students in all disciplines, and from freshman through senior levels. One copy of each proposal should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. Decisions will be announced no later than May 2.

### **Procedures**

Students submit a completed coversheet along with a research proposal that provides a detailed discussion of the intended project. The proposal should include the following: purpose of the project, statement of objectives or hypotheses, description of methods or activities, human or animal subject protection (if relevant), and the proposed dissemination plan. The student should also include a personal statement as to how the proposed project fits with the student's academic goals.

Two letters of support from faculty are required; one of these must be from the mentor of the project. These letters are confidential, and should be sent directly to Mary Blakefield, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Proposals recommended for funding are submitted to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for final approval. For projects involving humans, awards will be contingent on written approval from the Institutional Review Board. For projects involving animals, awards will be contingent on written approval from the IU East Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

At the completion of the project, each Summer Research Scholar will submit a final report to the Office of Academic Affairs describing the outcomes of the project. The Scholars are also required to make a public presentation on the project at Student Research Day, held annually at Indiana University East. Additional conference presentations of the work are encouraged, and these opportunities should be pursued with the guidance of the faculty mentor. A copy of any publication or presentation resulting from a Summer Research Scholar project is to be filed in the Office of Academic Affairs.

### **Award Criteria**

1. The project has clear and achievable goals.
2. The project is appropriately original and innovative.
3. The project is of appropriate scope and can realistically be completed in a summer.
4. The student proposes appropriate methods to achieve the goals.
5. The student has the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully complete the project.
6. Given equally meritorious proposals, primary consideration will be given to those applicants who have not previously been Summer Research Scholars.

The Summer Research Scholars Program  
(The SUMRS Program)  
Cover Sheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faculty Advisor for Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Proposed Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs:**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_