

GW Undergraduate Research Fellowships 2017-18

FACULTY MENTOR FORM

GW undergraduate research fellowships give promising undergraduates the opportunity to engage in a well-defined research project under the guidance of a faculty member in the chosen field of study. Research experiences not only provide challenges and depth to students' education, but also strengthen their applications for national fellowships and for graduate and professional school.

Please use the following in order to submit a Faculty Mentor Form for the Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Fellowship and the GW Undergraduate Research Award. Students need to submit one application only; eligible CCAS students will be automatically considered for the Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Students proposing topics addressing policy issues faced by the Hispanic community will also be considered for funding by the Cisneros Institute.

All research projects must be undertaken with ongoing input and direction from the faculty mentor. It is expected that the student and mentor will discuss their expectations regarding the time commitments of both parties, scope of research, and anticipated results (e.g., papers, presentations, performances, etc.) and arrive at a mutually agreeable understanding.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: Student applicants must be full-time undergraduate students at GW. Students should have a GPA of 3.4 or above. Note: Recipients must be enrolled at GW throughout the tenure of the award. Current CCAS sophomores and juniors are eligible for the Luther Rice Undergraduate Fellowship.

FACULTY MENTOR ELIGIBILITY: Faculty mentors must be associated with GW during the tenure of the award.

FUNDING: GW undergraduate research fellowships provide \$5,000 for research-related expenditures, including living expenses, travel, materials, and equipment.

Faculty mentors receive a stipend of \$1,000. Faculty can opt to take this money as supplemental salary or ask that the funds be transferred to a departmental account (e.g., supporting travel, equipment, supplies, etc.).

AWARD PERIOD: The project may begin during the summer and must be concluded during the spring semester of the following year. Please note: A portion of the funds may be available by June 2017; the remaining funds will be disbursed after July 1, 2017.

DEADLINE: There are two deadlines for submission:

Winter Deadline: *Students must submit their forms by email attachment to cufr@gwu.edu no later than 11:59pm on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.*

Spring Deadline: *Students must submit their forms by email attachment to cufr@gwu.edu no later than 11:59pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.*

Note: Students who apply in fall and are not selected for funding may revise and resubmit their proposals by the spring deadline.

AWARD REQUIREMENT: All award recipients are required to submit timely progress reports on their research, to present results of their project at Research Day, and to provide summaries of their research to publicize their undergraduate research activity.

Please note that students may not receive more than one research fellowship award for the same project, nor may they receive awards for different projects during the same award year.

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FOR STUDENT APPLICANT NAME:

Faculty Name (Last, First):

Email:

Department:

Phone:

Please indicate in the space below your support for, and your role in, this project. Comment on the project's significance, feasibility, and concrete outcome. Please also comment on the student's ability to complete the project. **Please attach comments on a separate page.**

Note: By agreeing to be a faculty mentor, you also agree to ensure that the student completes the work and submits appropriate updates and reports.

If your student receives the research award, you will receive \$1,000, which can opt to take as supplemental salary or ask that the funds be transferred to a departmental account (e.g., supporting travel, equipment, supplies, etc.). Please indicate your preference:

- Supplementary salary
- Transfer funds to departmental account

Deadlines: November 30, 2016; March 1, 2017

Questions? Contact the Center for Undergraduate Fellowships and Research at cufr@gwu.edu