

GW Undergraduate Research Fellowships 2017-18

COMMON APPLICATION 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.

Students should use the following form in order to apply for the Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Fellowship and the GW Undergraduate Research Award. Students need to submit one form 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 an award of \$5,000 meant to support the student's research-related expenditures, which may include 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.

APPLICATION: A complete application consists of a) a Student Application Form and b) a Faculty Mentor Form. By submitting their applications, students thereby allow selection committees to review their academic transcripts.

DEADLINE: There are two deadlines for submission:

Fall 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 by the fall deadline 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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SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO cufr@gwu.edu

Name (Last, First):

Email:

Address:

Phone:

Expected Year of Graduation:

GWID:

GW School in which you are officially enrolled:

Major(s):

Faculty Mentor:

Faculty Mentor's School/Department:

Title of Research Project:

Date(s) of Research Project:

Student Project Description

Describe below the project you propose to undertake. State clearly a) the essential questions you propose to investigate, b) your research plan and the timeline for your project, c) the expected outcomes, and d) the contributions your project will make to the field. The description must be no longer than two single-spaced pages. Please use language appropriate to an educated layperson; the nature of the work to be undertaken and the methodology to be used should be made clear to readers not familiar with the field.

Student Experience and Goals

Provide a brief description of your previous research experience and what you hope to achieve through doing this project. Specifically, state clearly 1) any previous research experience you have had and how it might relate or contribute to this project, and 2) what you expect to gain from doing the project and how it fits in with your future academic or career goals. This description should be no longer than one single-spaced page.