

SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Application Deadline: May 1

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. **However, applicants must be returning for at least one additional semester of study.** One copy of each proposal should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. Decisions will be announced no later than May 13.

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)
- proposed dissemination plan
- personal statement (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 that includes a statement on the feasibility of completing the project over the summer. These letters are confidential, and should be sent directly to TJ Rivard, trivard@iue.edu, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The student's coversheet and proposal should be submitted directly to Barbara Brown, baabrown@iue.edu, Office of Academic Affairs. (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 by September 1. 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.

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Cover Sheet

Date: _____ Student ID: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Student Address: _____

Student Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Name of Faculty Advisor for Project: _____

Faculty Advisor Signature: _____

Faculty Phone: _____

Faculty Email: _____

Title of Proposed Project: _____

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs:

Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs:

Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____