



2024 SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are pleased to invite undergraduate students to submit proposals for our summer research, scholarly, and creative projects for the 2024 Summer Undergraduate Research Program. The purpose of the program is to foster mentored research, scholarship, and creative activity between undergraduate students and faculty and staff mentors; to encourage student participation in a range of research, scholarly or creative experiences; and to encourage collaboration across disciplines - the humanities, arts, natural and physical sciences, and social sciences, inclusive of co-curricular activities.

Two types of opportunities are available:

- **Fellowships (for 200-hour projects)** Fellowships support student-driven research, scholarship, and creative activity between undergraduate students and faculty or staff mentors and encourage student participation in the full range of research activities, including project design and implementation, analysis and summary of results, and professional communication of findings. Proposals may be a collaboration between student and mentor, but should be substantially the work of the student, and should include evidence of student motivation and originality. It is recommended that students submitting proposals for fellowships have successfully completed a course-based or employment related research/scholarly/creative activity, and/or a research methods course.
- **Developmental Awards (for 100-hour projects)** Developmental Awards provide opportunities for students who may not be ready to take on an independent project or who are early in their academic careers, to learn research and scholarly skills and gain experience by working closely with a mentor on a project. These projects may require more mentor involvement and direction than fellowship proposals. Developmental projects should be appropriate for the student's level of experience and the 100-hour timeframe. Acceptable projects include activities such as literature reviews, data collection, analytical work, and exploratory work that lays a foundation for future research. Proposals may be written collaboratively by students and mentors but should be submitted by students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Student eligibility:

- ✓ Students must have completed 24 credit hours of coursework at UW-Superior by May 16, 2024, be in good academic standing, and plan to be enrolled for the 2024-25 academic year;
- ✓ Students who have previously received a Developmental Award may apply for a 200-hour Fellowship; students who have previously received a Fellowship cannot re-apply.

Mentor eligibility:

- ✓ All faculty and academic staff, including adjunct instructors, are eligible to participate as mentors in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program;
- ✓ Mentors must be available to work with students throughout the entire summer, meeting **at least weekly** to provide guidance and feedback;
- ✓ Mentors who have previously participated in the program may re-apply;
- ✓ Mentors may support two SURF recipients; requests to mentor more than two students will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Project eligibility:

- ✓ Projects must meet the campus definition of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity (see below);
- ✓ Projects may be part of a larger research or creative undertaking, but should outline the larger project and identify how the student's work fits in, and what contribution it will make to the larger effort or ongoing project;
- ✓ **Fellowship projects** may be a collaboration between student and mentor, but should be substantially the work of the student, and should include evidence of student motivation and originality;
- ✓ **Developmental projects** should be appropriate for the student's level of experience and the 100-hour timeframe; acceptable projects include activities such as literature reviews, data collection, analytical work, and exploratory work that lays a foundation for future research;

AWARDS

- ✓ Proposals will be reviewed by a team of faculty and staff members representing a variety of disciplines;
- ✓ Approximately ten (10) Fellowships and ten (10) Developmental awards will be supported in 2024;
- ✓ Fellowships pay \$3,500 for students; these projects involve at least 200 hours of work;
- ✓ Developmental awards pay \$1,750 for students; these projects involve 100 hours of work;
- ✓ Mentors receive a stipend of \$1,500 per student mentored;
- ✓ Students that have submitted proposals in round one will be notified by Friday January 26th. If an application is not accepted in Round One it will be automatically rolled into the Round Two applications and all applicants from Round One and Two will be notified of decisions by Friday April 12, 2024

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Summer Undergraduate Research Program award recipients are expected to treat their research project as they would employment. Expectations for award recipients:

- ✓ Fellowship recipients commit to work at least 20 hours/week on their project, a minimum of 200 hours of effort over the summer; developmental award recipients commit to work a total of 100 hours on their project over the summer;
- ✓ Attend a student/mentor orientation session to review participant responsibilities, expectations and program logistics;
- ✓ Submit proposals involving human subject research to the UW-Superior Institutional Review Board (IRB) for review and approval before projects begin;
- ✓ Meet with mentor throughout the summer;

- ✓ Complete project work by August 9, 2024;
- ✓ Participate in the campus UW-Superior Undergraduate Research Symposium on October 10th, 2024; fellowship recipients select one additional activity to disseminate the results of their work.

To submit: Proposal guidelines are available on the URSCA web page:
www.uwsuper.edu/ursca/events/surf.cfm

Deadline:

Round One deadline: Friday December 22nd at 5pm
Round One award announcement: Friday January 26th

Round Two Deadline (final deadline): Friday March 22nd at 5pm
Round Two awards announced: Friday April 12th

Submit proposals electronically to ursca@uwsuper.edu. Accepted students will be notified by April 14th

Questions?

Attend a zoom informational meeting:

- Thursday, November 9th 12:00pm and/or
- Monday, November 13th 12:00pm and/or
- Tuesday, February 6th 12:00pm

Join the meeting at - <https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/98571109964>

Or contact Ilsa Hoeschen: ihoesche@uwsuper.edu for an alternative meeting time

What Qualifies as Undergraduate Research?

UW-Superior has adopted the Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR's) definition of undergraduate research: *An inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.*

The Arts and Humanities Division of CUR adds these specifics to the definition:

Undergraduate research in the arts and humanities is student-driven, faculty-mentored inquiry, scholarly investigation, and/or creative activity. The undergraduate researcher's work may contribute to outcomes including, but not limited to, individual or collaborative analytical writing; oral presentation; small analytical products; works of visual art; compilations of scholarship; exhibits; musical compositions; plays; performance; public scholarship; and/or peer-reviewed publication. Whatever the research product, its value is generally weighed by standards specific to experts in the field, whether jurors, editors, or reviewers.