



Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships

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The opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in research has become an important part of Geneseo's intellectual culture. Although many students participate in research during the academic year, the most intensive and rewarding work often occurs during the summer months when both the students and their faculty mentors can devote full effort to their research without the pressures of coursework and teaching. However, most students seek summer employment to pay for some of their college costs for the following year and are unable to participate in summer research unless they receive a stipend or wages. A few Geneseo students are fortunate enough to become part of a faculty research project which is supported by an external grant and provides stipends for student assistants.

In responding to the need to provide additional opportunities for students to participate in summer research projects the **Geneseo Foundation**, in cooperation with the Research Council, is sponsoring a total of five undergraduate research fellowships of \$3,000 each for the Summer of 2014. Recipients of these summer fellowships must devote two consecutive summer months to their research project and must work with a faculty sponsor. In addition, faculty sponsors are eligible to receive a \$400 supplement if they do not have other forms of research support during the summer.

A completed application for an Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship must include:

- *application page as the cover sheet*
- *project abstract of not more than 150 words*
- *narrative describing your research hypothesis or objective(s), methods of investigation, expected result, timetable, and justification why you can accomplish your goal and why you should receive funding*
- *description of the role of the faculty sponsor in the project and uniqueness of your project as compared to a larger project in which the faculty sponsor is currently involved*
- *project budget or a statement that the complete award should be paid as a stipend.*
- *plans to present the results of your project at a professional conference or at GREAT Day on April 21, 2015.*
- *letter of support from your faculty sponsor or mentor specifically endorsing the merit and plausibility of the project and outlining both student and sponsor roles*

Please submit the original signed copy only of your completed application to Erwin 205 on or before Friday, March 7, 2014. Please have your faculty sponsor send the letter of support directly to this office by the deadline date. The review of applications will commence shortly after the deadline date so that the fellowship winners can be announced before the Spring Break.

Eligibility Requirements

- *returning full time undergraduate student, at Geneseo, for the Fall 2014 semester*
- *cannot receive other summer grant support as wages or stipends*
- *completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework*
- *minimum GPA of 3.00 in the major and 2.85 overall*
- *two consecutive summer months of full time effort must be devoted to the project*

Fellowship recipients must submit a final report of their completed research, including any planned conference presentations or publications, by October 25, 2014.

NOTE: All applications to the Geneseo Foundation Undergraduate Summer Fellowship and Geneseo Foundation Student Research Assistantship programs will be considered for the prestigious **Dr. Wendell and Barbara Rhodes Research Award**. This supplemental award of \$600 will support research or field study. Preference will be given to scholarly research combining a natural science and a social science such as biology/sociology or geology/anthropology. Funds may be used for any research-related expenses including student stipends. This award is funded through the Geneseo Foundation by an endowment established by Dr. Wendell and Barbara Rhodes.



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The Geneseo Foundation will provide a total of five \$3,000 fellowships for Summer 2014. These fellowships are intended to support undergraduate students so that they can devote two months of full time effort to a research project under the guidance of a faculty sponsor.

Name: _____ Geneseo ID # _____

Local street or campus address: _____

City or town: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Major: _____ GPA in major: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Title of Project: _____

Department in which project is based: _____

Signature of Chair of this department: _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____ Supplement requested: _____

Signature of faculty sponsor: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS March 7, 2014

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For additional information, contact Anne Baldwin at 245-5547 or e-mail at baldwinA@geneseo.edu

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