

The University of Scranton
PRESIDENT'S FELLOWSHIPS FOR SUMMER RESEARCH
2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INTRODUCTION

The President's Fellowships for Summer Research (PFSRs) provide students with the opportunity to engage in an intensive research project with a full-time faculty mentor during a ten-week period in the summer. There are several exciting changes to the PFSR program.

The total number of awards has been increased from **six (6) to ten (10)**, and two of these will be dedicated specifically to projects that stem from the **Humanities (one award)** and the **Social Sciences (one award)**. Funds for the President's Fellowship have increased in total funding from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Students and faculty from the humanities and social sciences are especially encouraged to apply. Also, the faculty honorarium has been increased from **\$1,000 to \$1,500**. Awards per project will thus increase from **\$4,500 to \$5,000**.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will administer the program. In addition to the faculty mentor honorarium, \$3,000 will be provided to the student, and \$500 is allocated for materials and/or student travel.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- Research proposals are to be prepared by students with faculty mentor assistance.
- Each proposal must be typed in ***12-point font, double-spaced***, and include:
 - Abstract (1 page)
 - Narrative (maximum of 7 pages)
 - Background
 - Research objectives and importance of the proposed project
 - Methodology (include timeline for project, even if it extends beyond ten-week period)
 - Description of both student and faculty roles in the research project
 - Dissemination plan for research results, including potential products and authorship
 - Bibliography
 - CV of faculty member (2 pages; experience relevant to research topic and student mentoring)
 - CV of student (2 pages)
 - Student transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable) – include with paper copy only
- **Submit by March 1, 2024**
 - One (1) original signed paper copy with transcripts to the Associate Provost, St. Thomas Hall, Room 5122
 - AND**
 - One (1) electronic (WORD or pdf) copy without transcripts as an e-mail attachment to Linda Walsh, linda.walsh@scranton.edu.
- Students selected to receive the awards are required to display a poster of their work at the following spring's Annual Celebration of Student Scholars (held in April each year).

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate students who will continue full-time undergraduate study at The University of Scranton in Fall 2024 are eligible for a 2024 summer research stipend.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 at the time of proposal submission and at least a B+ in their major.
- To receive the award, students must be free of academic and disciplinary restrictions at the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

REVIEW

- The Faculty Research Committee will evaluate the proposals. Faculty on the Committee who submit proposals will not take part in the review process.
- Criteria to be used in the review process include:
 - Merit of the proposed work
 - Credentials of the faculty member and expectation for success in the research
 - Credentials of the student and expectation for success
 - Quality and extent of the student's role in the proposed work
 - Potential for joint authorship on communications resulting from the proposed work
- Given proposals of equivalent quality, preference will be given to: 1) candidates who have not received this award previously, and 2) upper classmen.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Linda Walsh, Office of the Provost, 570-941-7520, or linda.walsh@scranton.edu

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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name:

Local Address:

E-mail:

Local Telephone:

FACULTY INFORMATION

Mentor Name:

Department:

E-mail:

Telephone:

PROJECT TITLE:

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- Proposal Cover Sheet
- Abstract
- Narrative
- Bibliography
- Faculty CV
- Student CV
- Student Transcripts (include with paper copy only)

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- ONE ORIGINAL SIGNED PAPER COPY WITH TRANSCRIPTS to St Thomas Hall Room 5122
- ONE ELECTRONIC COPY (WITHOUT TRANSCRIPTS) to linda.walsh@scranton.edu

SIGNATURES:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____ Date: _____