

The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Description:

The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program is designed to support Honors students who are pursuing innovative creative projects and advanced scholarly research. Projects may include but are not limited to: artistic creation/performance; primary archival, laboratory, or field research; interpretive analysis/scholarship; preparing scholarship for publication; participation in professional conferences and activities. Project proposals require the sponsorship by a faculty mentor, who will oversee the timeline and completion of the proposed research/creative activity. Fellowships are competitive and awarded bi-annually, with the possibility of renewal.

The program has three levels of funding:

Undergraduate Research Fellowship--\$1500 stipend for scholarly/creative activity in one designated semester (fall or winter).

Senior Thesis/Project Fellowship --\$2000 stipend in one designated semester (fall or winter), specifically in support of a Senior Thesis/Project.

Renewal of Current Research Fellowship --\$1000 stipend for an additional designated semester; contingent on strength of renewal proposal and availability of funds.

Applications for the Fall Award/Summer Award are due April 1; Applications for Winter Award are due October 15. Applicants will be notified of the award decision within 3-4 weeks of the application deadline.

Award recipients must submit a progress report to their faculty mentors and The Honors College by March 1 for the Winter Award and October 1 for the Fall Award. Final reports/project completion should be submitted no later than the final day of the award semester.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be full-time students at Eastern Michigan University and members in Good Standing of The Honors College. Applicants for the Senior Project Fellowship must have already submitted a Senior Project Proposal to the Honors College.

Faculty Mentors must be full-time employees of Eastern Michigan University with faculty status. Depending on the program and the nature of the scholarly/creative activity, student applicants may work with faculty mentors who are not tenured/tenure-track professors provided they have the written approval of 1) the Departmental Honors Advisor and/or Department Head of the sponsoring department and 2) the Dean and/or Associate Dean of The Honors College.

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Criteria for Evaluation:

Applications for Honors College Undergraduate, Senior Project, and Renewal Fellowships will be evaluated by a committee consisting of the Dean, Associate Dean, and Faculty Fellows. Award decisions will be based on the criteria established in The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship proposal guidelines and scoring directions, as well as the following three criteria: 1) the student applicant's overall honors standing, 2) the student's overall academic record, and 3) the student's progress toward graduation. All other factors being equal, the award committee will also seek to promote equity in distribution of awards among programs, disciplines, and applicants.

Application Process:

1. Read the guidelines for the fellowship proposal.
 - a. *Required:* Read and share the Faculty Mentor Recommendation form with your Faculty Mentor.
 - b. *Recommended:* Attend an Undergraduate Research Workshop (see Honors College events schedule for dates)
 - c. *Recommended:* Attend a Q&A Applying for the Research Fellowship Workshop (see Honors College events schedule for dates)
2. Read the Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship Scoring Guide to familiarize yourself with the criteria the review committee will be using to evaluate your proposal.
3. Make sure to have the **completed proposal**, the **signed faculty mentor recommendation form**, and the **letter of recommendation** to attach in the Competition Space. NOTE: These forms files should be saved in PDF format.
4. Go to the [EMU's CompetitionSpace](#) and select The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowships application for your semester.
5. Read the application submission directions thoroughly.
6. Complete the application online, making sure to attach all requested documents, and submit by the deadline: Fall/Summer Award: April 1st; Winter Award: October 15th.

Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision within 3-4 weeks of submission deadline.