

## The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship

### Description:

The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program funds undergraduate projects that support the opportunity for Honors students to acquire advanced skills in an area of study by working on special projects. An Undergraduate Research Fellowship provides a stipend of up to \$1500 for one designated semester (fall or winter), and a Senior Project Fellowship provides a stipend of up to \$2000 for one designated semester (fall or winter). A Renewal of a Current Undergraduate Fellowship with a stipend of up to \$1000 for one designated semester is possible, depending on the strength of the renewal proposal and the availability of resources. Fellowships may be available in the summer semester, too, depending on budget. Previous winners may apply for additional awards in support of a new project. Students may apply for ONE per semester: Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Renewal of Undergraduate Research Fellowship, or Senior Project Fellowship.

The Honors College Undergraduate Fellowships are awarded competitively and are based on the overall strength of the proposals. The awards may be terminated at any time by the awards committee if, in the faculty mentor's judgment, a student's performance is unacceptable.

This award income is considered taxable by the Internal Revenue Service.

### Goals:

The Honors College Undergraduate Fellowship Program funds research or creative projects in order to support innovative, collaborative scholarly work between an Honors student and a faculty mentor. The fellowship program is designed to:

- Involve a student in the academic mission of the university and The Honors College.
- Support students by providing valuable non-traditional learning experiences that may include, but are not limited to: artistic creation or performance, research, writing for publication, participation in professional conferences and activities, and college classroom teaching.
- Support faculty in their teaching, research, and creative endeavors and encourage them to integrate their professional development into their roles as teachers.
- Foster a close working relationship between undergraduate students and EMU faculty.
- Prepare EMU's most able students for the rigors of a career or graduate/profession school.

### Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be full-time students at Eastern Michigan University who are members in good standing of The Honors College.

Faculty mentors must be full-time employees of Eastern Michigan University with faculty status. Faculty mentors who are not tenured or tenure-track professors need the approval of the department head of the sponsoring department and The Honors College director or associate director in order to direct Honors senior projects.

Types of Fellowships	Description	Award Amount
Undergraduate Research Fellowship	One semester fellowship in fall or winter to complete the proposed project.	\$1500
Renewal of Current UG Research Fellowship	If the project needs to be extended beyond the award semester, students may apply for a renewal.	Up to \$1000
Senior Project Fellowship	One semester fellowship for the proposed project that is part of the senior project. Completed senior project is required at the end of the award semester.	Up to \$2000

Application Process:

1. Read the guidelines for the fellowship proposal.
2. Read and share the faculty mentor recommendation form with your faculty mentor.
3. Read the Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship scoring guide to familiarize yourself with the criteria the review committee will be using to evaluate your proposal.
4. Make sure to have the completed proposal, the signed faculty mentor recommendation form, and the letter of recommendation to attach to the application in Competition Space.
5. Go to [EMU Competition Space](#) and select The Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowships application.
6. Read the application directions thoroughly.
7. Complete the application online, making sure to attach the requested documents, and submit by the deadline: Fall Award: April 1st; Winter Award: October 15th; Summer Award: April 1st. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision 3 to 4 weeks following the deadline.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Applications and renewal requests will be evaluated by a committee co-chaired by The Honors College director and associate director and consisting of university faculty and staff. 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. Student's academic record
2. Student's progress towards graduation
3. Other factors being equal, equity in distribution of awards among departments