Humanities Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program

The Humanities Undergraduate Research Fellowship (HURF) program provides University of Oregon undergraduate students with a stipend to conduct research in a humanities-related field under the guidance of a UO humanities faculty member, and an opportunity to present their research in public.

Guidelines

1. Research projects must be humanistic, but undergraduate students may be majors in any department, college, or school. The term humanities as used here includes literature; philosophy; history; religion; ethics; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; and historical or interpretive aspects of social and natural sciences and the professions.
2. Applicant must be a full-time student with a 3.5 GPA or greater in UO humanities courses.
3. Applicant must obtain a commitment from a faculty member to supervise their research project as their mentor. Faculty mentors must be Tenure Track Faculty or Career Non-tenure Track Faculty with an FTE of .50 or above. Faculty mentors should have experience conducting research in the area of your project and utilizing the research methodologies your project requires. Please verify with your faculty mentor that they meet these criteria.
4. Undergraduate students may not be paid to conduct research through other internal UO research support programs during the same sixteen week fellowship period. Students may, however, accept an external award for the same academic year as the HURF award.
5. If for any reason a research fellow’s circumstances change (e.g., due to exit from the University, loss of full-time student status, or the receipt of any grant or award that conflicts with the conditions of this fellowship) and the grantee is unable to use the award during the academic year for which it was granted, the fellowship must be forfeited. HURF awards cannot be deferred.
6. Undergraduate students may receive only one HURF award during their undergraduate education.

Expectations

Upon notification of receipt of a HURF, undergraduate students must sign an agreement outlining their commitment to:

a. Commit regular effort to conducting research during the fellowship period;
b. Attend monthly meetings during the sixteen-week fellowship period to share research progress with the other students in your HURF cohort, and take part in guided discussions/workshops on topics such as the responsible conduct of research; effective research communication; graduate school preparation; and applying for other fellowships/scholarships;
c. Complete a final paper;
d. Share the results of your research at the UO Undergraduate Symposium as part of a HURF panel;
e. Acknowledge the Oregon Humanities Center, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, and the Office of the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies in any work resulting from research done during the fellowship period;
f. Notify the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program of any publications, conference presentations, or other awards or fellowships that result from your research project;
g. Notify the UROP immediately of other support or any conflicts with the eligibility criteria of this fellowship.

Application Instructions

The proposal should be written in language that is clear to readers outside the applicant’s academic discipline and should address all of the information listed in the following sections.
Research Proposal (300 words maximum):
Enter a concise description of your proposed project. Proposals should:

- Clearly state the central research question and/or purpose of the project.
- Provide a brief, relevant scholarly or research context (no actual citations required) that demonstrates its attempt to make a unique contribution to the academic discipline.
- Provide a brief description of the research methodology.
- State expected conclusions or results and the context in which they will be discussed.
- Include text only (no images or graphics)
- Be well-written, well organized, and free of spelling and grammatical errors.

Humanistic Nature of Project (200 words maximum):
Explain the basic humanistic ideas, problems, or questions to be explored. In cases where the humanistic content of the project may not be readily apparent, applicants must address this issue thoroughly.

Methods (200 words maximum):
Provide a description of the methods, analysis, and/or creative techniques that will be used for this project. Please include a justification of why these methods/techniques will be used.

Investigator Biography (200 words maximum):
Please describe how your personal and educational background has prepared you to successfully complete this project. Include any training (formal and informal) you have received.

Research Schedule:
Provide a general outline for your work during the sixteen-week fellowship period. Attempt to layout a reasonable schedule taking into consideration all phases of the research project.

Dissemination:
How will you share the results of your research? Please include any publication or presentation opportunities you plan to pursue.

**Please note that all awardees are required to present at the UO Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Unofficial Transcript:
Submit a copy of your unofficial UO transcript to urop@uoregon.edu.

Two Letters of Recommendation:
Applicants must request letters of recommendation from two faculty members familiar with the applicant’s academic work and accomplishments. One of these letters should be provided by the applicant’s mentor for the HURF project. Faculty providing recommendations should submit their letters via email to: urop@uoregon.edu.

Submitting Your Proposal
Visit the HURF website for further instructions and materials: http://urop.uoregon.edu/hurf

All research fellowship proposals are evaluated competitively as part of a single applicant pool.

Questions? Please contact urop@uoregon.edu or (541) 346-8520.