ICRU Research Fellows Program
Application Instructions
2018-2019 Funding Cycle

The ICRU Research Fellows Program encourages the direct involvement of undergraduates in scholarly efforts by providing financial support for students involved in research or creative work. Faculty and staff in all disciplines are encouraged to involve undergraduates in their work.

Eligibility

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<th>Mentors</th>
<th>Students</th>
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<td>Mentors MUST be Faculty or Professional &amp; Scientific Staff members</td>
<td>Students must be registered as full-time, degree seeking, UI undergraduates</td>
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<td>May only apply for ONE Fellowship (can be split) per session (summer vs. academic year)</td>
<td>Maintain at least a 3.0 UI GPA each semester during the funding period.</td>
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<td>Submit an application for each session desired (summer AND academic year)</td>
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*For more information on eligibility or other matters, please consult the FAQ page.

Strong applications:

• Heavily involve students in scholarly work, experimental and laboratory-based research, or creative work.
• Fully engage the student in the process, from contemplation and execution to analysis and presentation of results.
• Lead to an honors thesis, publication, exhibition, performance, or other forms of recognition for the student.
• Include regular opportunities for the student-mentor interaction.

Award

This is a student support award and is disbursed directly to the student as a refundable scholarship. It is meant to facilitate the specific student’s participation with a specific mentor on a specific project. Changes may cause the award to be forfeited.

• Students are awarded $2,000 for academic year and work a suggested 10 hours per week.
• Students are awarded $2,500 for the summer and work a suggested 20 hours per week.
Application Instructions

1. Applications must be submitted by the mentor electronically via the ICRU Webpage.
2. Application content should be written for a non-discipline specific academic audience.
3. All application materials must be submitted in one session – there is no return option.
4. All information may be cut and pasted from outside programs.
5. Applications for academic year and summer awards are separate – both should be tailored accordingly to each funding session or semester.

To be submitted by the Faculty/Staff Mentor:

1. Mentor and Student Information
   - Mentor will need to know the student’s 8-digit University ID number, university email address, major department, and anticipated graduation year.

2. Project title and abstract (max. 300 words)

3. Mentor’s experience working with undergraduates in research (max. 200 words)

4. Student Recruitment and Selection (max. 300 words)
   - Identify the student. How/why was this specific student selected for the project?
   - How will the involvement benefit the student? (Will this allow the student to graduate with honors, publish, or prepare for graduate or professional work?)

5. Form and Nature of Student Involvement (max. 300 words)
   - Describe the work that the student will perform, as well as their level of involvement in the overall project.
   - What interaction will the student have with the mentor/other project personnel?
   - Provide a timeline for the work, showing the student’s anticipated preparation, involvement, and follow-up activities.

To be prepared by the Student (Max. 500 words.)

6. This narrative should address the larger question of why the student wants to be involved.
   - What is most interesting to you about this research/creative work?
   - What are your current academic/career goals? How might your involvement in this work help you to further these goals?
**Review Criteria**  
A 50% weight is given to each the mentor and student pieces of the application. Application reviews will focus on:
- Potential for a meaningful student experience, both in the research/creative work and the mentorship
- The quality of the student narrative

**ICRU Fellows Program Requirements**

1. Mentorship Agreement – (mentor and student)  
2. Participate in Mentee Training during the funding period (student)  
3. Present at either the Fall or Spring Undergraduate Research Festival (student)  
4. Complete any questionnaires sent from the ICRU office (student)  
   *Note: after selection, students and mentors will be reminded of these requirements and timelines.

**Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program**  
The long-term goal of the LSAMP program is to increase the number of under-represented minority students who enter science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professions and who earn doctorates in STEM fields. Students interested in applying for the LSAMP Program should utilize the ICRU Research Fellows Program application.

**Questions?**  
Please contact ICRU

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