

Research Scholars Program

This program seeks to enhance undergraduate research in new mentors and faculty in traditionally underrepresented departments through a pilot program in which faculty may request salaries to hire undergraduates to assist them in their research.

Call for Proposals, 2011-2012

Faculty members in departments that have been traditionally underrepresented in undergraduate research (defined as those in which no student has received a URP grant or summer fellowship in the **last two academic years**) and new mentors (faculty and staff who have not mentored undergraduate research projects at UWW) are invited to submit applications for up to \$300 a semester to hire research assistants.

Students working under the Research Scholars Program have the opportunity to collaborate with professional scholars in action. Faculty applying for such assistance should be engaged in working on a scholarly or creative project. The tasks assigned to the student should help develop his/her skills as a scholar and be appropriate to methods of inquiry and creativity in the mentor's discipline.

One goal of this grant program is to increase the number of faculty and students in new disciplines involved in mentored undergraduate research, especially projects that could be supported through URP. We particularly welcome proposals that might lead to future URP grants or student presentations at the April 10, 2012 Undergraduate Research Day.

Application Process

Application of 1-2 pages should be submitted electronically to ehlend@uww.edu and consists of

- A description of the project for which the Research Scholar will contribute.
- Details on what tasks the Research Scholar will undertake and an explanation of how this research opportunity will contribute to the student's understanding of research methods in the applicant's field.
- A description of how the Research Scholar will be recruited. If a potential scholar has already been identified, please provide information about why this student is well suited for this project.
- Fall application deadline: 4 PM on Oct 21, 2011; Spring application deadline (anticipated): 4 PM on Feb 6, 2012.

Expectations:

- The Research Scholar contributes in tangible and significant ways to the faculty research project and is trained in appropriate research skills
- A final report detailing project outcomes and evaluating student learning should be submitted to the URP program by May 1, 2012
- Grant winners are encouraged to present results at UGR Day April 10, 2012 and consider applying for a URP grant to continue the project in 2012-2013 as appropriate.

Up to ten awards per semester are available in 2011-2012. Faculty members in departments traditionally underrepresented in undergraduate research are given priority. Faculty who are awarded grants select the research assistant; the funds are transferred to the department for administration. The Undergraduate Research Council will evaluate all applications and make recommendations to the Program Director.