2016 CURO Summer Research Fellowship Call for Proposals

Each year CURO awards thirty Summer Research Fellowships to support University of Georgia undergraduates interested in pursuing intensive, immersive, faculty-mentored research during the summer.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL AWARD
CURO Summer Fellows are awarded $3000. These funds will be distributed via UGA Payroll and, therefore, are subject to state and federal taxes. Funds will be dispersed in two installments (one at the end of May and one at the end of June). Because these funds are distributed through UGA Payroll, students may not be employed in any other position on campus from May 1 through June 30, 2016 or the amount of the award may be affected.

ELIGIBILITY
An applicant must be a current 1st through 3rd year student who has completed a minimum of 15 in residence credit hours at UGA.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS
Students who accept the 2016 Summer Fellowship agree to:

1. Enroll in one CURO Research Course (4960H, 4970H, or 4980H) for the summer thru term. Enrolling in this course will generate credit hours that will count against HOPE credits and will generate tuition costs. Summer Fellows are responsible for tuition payments.
2. Invest approximately 320 hours in their research.
3. Avoid student employment elsewhere on campus from May 1 through June 30, 2016.
4. Present at the Summer Fellowship research forum at the end of July. (Accommodations can be made for students traveling due to their research at the time of the forum).
5. Present their research at the 2017 CURO Symposium.

Optional workshops and discussions of presentation best practices will be offered to Summer Fellows wishing to improve their presentation skills.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Submit the following as a .word .doc to curo@uga.edu no later than 5pm Friday, February 12, 2016.

From the applicant:
1. A research proposal of a maximum of 600 words (not including references). The proposal should be titled.
2. A one page (maximum) cover letter explaining the value of the fellowship to the applicant’s academic/career intentions.

From the applicant’s faculty mentor:
1. A one page letter of support from the supervising faculty research mentor. Faculty may submit their letter as a separate e-document.

Submissions that fail to conform to these requirements cannot be processed.
REVIEW AND SELECTION
Submissions will be scored according to the following criteria:

Proposal (5 points)
- Clarity in stating the problem or thesis
- Organization of the proposal and definition of terms
- Use of acceptable grammar and spelling

Applicant’s Cover Letter (5 points)
- Commitment to the research undertaking and the fellowship
- Articulation of how this fits with applicant’s academic and professional goals

Faculty Letter of Support (5 points)
- Confidence in the student
- Appreciation for importance of the student’s contribution to the project
- Development of, and commitment to, a concrete plan for the undergraduate as a researcher or practitioner

CURO will announce Summer Fellows in early March.