The ICRU Research Fellows Program encourages the direct involvement of undergraduates in the scholarly efforts of our institution, by providing financial support for students involved in research or creative work. Faculty and staff members in all disciplines are encouraged to involve undergraduates in their work. Details and FAQs can be found online in "Program Information."

Eligibility

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<th>Mentors</th>
<th>Students</th>
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<td>All Faculty and Professional &amp; Scientific Staff are eligible to serve as a mentor</td>
<td>Students must be registered as full-time, degree seeking, UI undergraduates</td>
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<td>Faculty/staff who have had ICRU Fellows previously are also eligible.</td>
<td>Maintain at least a 3.0 UI GPA each semester during the funding period.</td>
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- Applications that seek to involve students in scholarly work, experimental and laboratory-based research, and/or creative work in the arts are eligible.
- Projects that fully engage the student in the process, from contemplation of the work, through analysis and presentation of results, are of most interest.
- Work that can lead to an honors thesis, publication, exhibition, performance, or other forms of recognition for the student is encouraged and is given high priority.
- Regular opportunities for the student to interact with and be mentored by the sponsoring faculty or staff member are crucial in all cases.
- Only one application per faculty/staff member per academic year or summer will be considered for the full monetary amount, and students may only be supported by one award per semester. In some cases, students may split the monetary award and multiple students can be supported per mentor. Details about this option here.

Award

This is a student support award and is disbursed as a scholarship directly to the student. It is not meant as a prize, honor, or reward for work already completed, but rather to facilitate the student’s participation in the work. No supply money is available. Awards are for a specific faculty/staff member to work on a specific project with a specific student. 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. All materials must be submitted electronically by the mentor via the ICRU website.
2. Application content should be written for a non-discipline specific academic audience.
3. Be mindful of word limits. Text that exceeds the limit will not be included in the review.
4. All application materials must be submitted in one session. It is advisable that the application questions, as detailed below, be completed in a separate document/program then cut and pasted into the text boxes provided in the web form (both for ease of submission and so that responses will be saved for the submitter’s records).
5. Applications for academic year and summer awards are separate – one application will not suffice for both opportunities and both should be tailored accordingly to each funding session or semester.

To be prepared 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. Highlight your experience as a mentor of undergraduate 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; this may include the opportunity to graduate with honors and preparation 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 as appropriate the student’s preparation, involvement, and follow-up activities.

To be prepared by the Student (saved as a single-spaced PDF document and to be submitted via the online form by the mentor. 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 – to be completed by the mentor and student
2. Register for URES:3995 during the semesters/summer of funding – student
3. Participate in Mentee Training during the semester/summer of funding – student
4. Present at either the Fall or Spring Undergraduate Research Festival – student
5. Complete any questionnaires sent from the ICRU office – student

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. LSAMP Program details and eligibility information can be found here.

Questions?
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