

SUMMER 2020 STUDENT RESEARCH

Luther College recognizes the importance of undergraduate scholarly activity. Student research is supported and funded by the College and through the generosity of donors through a series of distinct programs, many of which are coordinated by the Dean's Office.

The Summer Student/Faculty Collaborative Research program provides opportunity for Luther students to engage in collaborative research projects with Luther faculty members during the two months of Luther's summer sessions (June/July). All returning Luther students (current juniors, sophomores, and first-year students), in any major, are eligible to apply.

Each full grant provides a stipend of \$375 per week for eight weeks of research work for a total of \$3,000 to the student, with an expectation of at least 36 and no more than 40 hours of work per week. [Proposals for smaller or shorter research projects will be considered.] On-campus shared housing for the student is also provided, along with up to \$500 for project expenses, and \$500 in faculty development funds for the faculty member. Project proposals must be written and submitted jointly by the student and faculty member. Proposals are welcome in all disciplines. Priority is given to meritorious proposals involving students who have not previously been funded through this program.

In addition, there is limited funding available to enable junior or senior students to undertake independent scholarship, investigation, or creative activities in any field related to their college studies. These proposals should be designed and carried out by the student applicant (not faculty-proposed or designed research) and should include a budget outline in addition to the project narrative.

Summer student research projects are not internships, are not eligible for academic credit, and are not for formal study at another academic institution.

Proposals for Summer Student Research are due in the Dean's Office (Union 262, email deansoffice@luther.edu) by noon on the second Monday of March (March 9, 2020). Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

- Projects should emphasize original student research or creative activity and be accomplishable during eight weeks of on-campus research during the two summer school sessions.
- Support is available for all disciplines.
- Student stipend payments are subject to ordinary income taxes and Social Security payments. All campus working hours are subject to wage and hour laws and **must not exceed 40 hours per week**, to be verified by time card.
- For continuing students only (not spring graduates).
- Students will be provided with shared campus housing (not to exceed the eight-week period). The value of provided campus housing is considered taxable income. There is no funding allowance for non-campus housing.
- Faculty will receive \$500 for development/research/travel deposited into their faculty development account.
- Project expenses - up to \$500; non-consumable items become the property of Luther College.
- Normally only one student per faculty member will be funded, unless outside funding supplements the project.
- Collaborative teams may propose projects that are shorter than two months, or that involve the student in research work for fewer than 36 hours per week during the two-month grant period.

In these cases, the stipend will be pro-rated according to the number of total work hours proposed. Shared on-campus housing will be available only to those students who are also enrolled in a summer course or whose total work hours (combining the research with another campus job) qualify them for housing.

- **A report is due to the Dean's Office at the completion of the project.**

Proposals should both explain and develop an argument for your project. Proposals should be limited to three pages and should be directed at educated readers who are not specialists in your area of study. Please include the following elements:

- I. Project title.
Student name, ID number, SPO, phone number, email address and signature.
Faculty supervisor name, email address and signature.
- II. Preparation (courses or other experiences that make it probable that you will successfully complete this project).
- III. Project description. (Identify the project's focus, procedures, probable stages, and its benefit for both student and faculty member.)
- IV. Outcome. (Describe the project's expected outcomes and, if possible and appropriate, identify presentation opportunities that you will seek.)
- V. Faculty supervisor's role. (Faculty supervisors are expected to be on campus, working collaboratively with the student. It should be clear that the student is an integral part of the research process, including planning, data collection, analysis, and presentation.)
- VI. Budget (up to \$500, to be used only for expenses during the time of the project, unless exceptions are identified in the proposal. Non-consumable items become the property of Luther College.)