

## Summer Research Internship Award **SRIA**

The **Summer Research Internship Award** is presented to students exhibiting promising research ability so that they can spend a summer on campus working closely with a faculty member on a research project. The stipend program is designed to allow student researchers to devote full-time work on awarded projects and focus on their completion without having to worry about earning money. The number of awards distributed each year depends on available funding but typically 3 to 5 are awarded.

### Stipend amounts for SRIA for Summer 2021

#### **In-Lab Research (Student works at least 24 hours per week in lab with professor):**

- **5 weeks** (Summer Session I – June 1<sup>st</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021): Includes **\$1,750** stipend
- **10 weeks** (Summer Sessions I & II – June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021): Includes **\$3,500** stipend
- Student may live off campus or request to live on campus
- For students living on-campus, additional funding will be provided

#### **Remote Research (Student works remotely, supervised by a professor):**

- At least **60 hours** of work: Includes **\$750** stipend
- At least **120 hours** of work: Includes **\$1,500** stipend

#### **Special Award:**

The SRIA applicant with the best interdisciplinary research proposal will be awarded the “*Michael Guckavan Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Excellence*”. Our highest honor, this fellowship also includes a stipend to travel an academic conference in the following academic year.

#### **Eligibility**

All criteria below must be met in order for the Review Panel to consider the application.

- The application must be complete and submitted before the deadline (3/12/21).
- The applicant must be a full-time MSMU student with freshman, sophomore, or junior standing (at the time of application) and a declared or intended major in SNSM.
- The applicant must have a cumulative GPA greater than 2.50.
- The applicant must have a faculty mentor in the School of NSM who has agreed to serve as such.
- The applicant must not have received this award previously.

#### **Requirements of the Award**

- Students and their faculty mentor are each required to submit to the Dean a 1-2 paragraph reflection on the personal or professional benefits of this experience by 15 September of the award year. These submissions will be used in promotional materials and posted on the School website as a way of highlighting the value of this program.

- Students are required to present the results of their research project at the SPARC Festival in the spring of the year following their Summer Research Internship or at a regional professional meeting within one year of the award date.

### **Application Procedure**

A complete application will consist of:

#### **I. SRIA Application Form**

#### **II. Essay** (1 page maximum, 1-inch margins, 12-pt font, double-spaced)

*Please answer all of the following questions:*

- a) Why are you interested in pursuing this independent project?
- b) How will this project challenge you intellectually or otherwise?
- c) How will this experience benefit you in terms of your post-graduate career goals?

#### **III. Project Description:** (2 page maximum, 1-inch margins, 12-pt font, double-spaced)

*A description of your research project that includes:*

- a) Project Title
- b) Clearly stated hypotheses, research question, problem statement, or goals.
- c) A brief description of the methods you will use
- d) Background: Summarize the prior work or current state of knowledge on your research project or topic to place your project in context.
- e) Outcomes: Describe the tangible outcome(s) of your project (for example, report, presentation, phone app, computer program, website, dataset, etc.)? Include an indication of the expected size/length and where it will be submitted, presented, shared, or seen.
- f) Significance: Who else (besides you) will benefit from this project and how will they benefit? For example, are there potential benefits to some segment of society, like Alzheimer's patients, people who are clinically depressed, general public, etc.? Will the project have potential intellectual, academic, societal (medicine, mental health, technology, education, etc.) or environmental (water quality, endangered species, etc.) benefits?

#### **IV. Letter of Recommendation:**

Students must seek out a Faculty Mentor for the project and arrange for the Mentor to send a letter of support for the student and his/her project directly to the Dean & the Dean's Assistant by the deadline. The letter should describe the academic promise of the applicant, how beneficial this experience will be for the applicant's academic development, and the likelihood of "success" (defined broadly as either achieving the project goals or making significant progress towards the goals).

**Application materials in digital format are due by Friday, March 12, 2021, via email to Mary Lindsay ([mlindsay@msmary.edu](mailto:mlindsay@msmary.edu)), Office of the Dean.**