

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. The size of the award will vary depending on where the student is living:

Stipend amounts for SRI Awards for summer 2020

\$2,350 for 4 weeks	Student works at least 24 hrs per week with a professor on campus and lives in dormitory on campus (paying \$850 for room and meal plan per session)
\$4,700 for 8 weeks	
\$1,500 for 4 weeks	Student works at least 24 hrs per week with a professor on campus and lives off campus
\$3,000 for 8 weeks	
\$750 for ≥ 48 hrs	Student works independently, primarily from a remote location (“telecommuting”), but supervised by a professor
\$1,500 for ≥ 96 hrs	

In addition to the stipends above, each awardee will be able to purchase up to \$200 in research-related supplies.

Note: For students taking summer courses at the Mount, the tuition for Summer 2020 will be approximately \$580 per credit hour. Students taking summer courses must also submit a summer registration form to the Registrar’s Office.

Eligibility

All of the 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;
- 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

- Awardees are expected to work on their awarded project on campus at least 24 hours per week (or at designated off-campus laboratory or field sites) or at least 48 hours in total during the summer months if working independently from a remote location (off campus).

- 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: Please answer the following question (1 page maximum, 1-inch margins, 12-pt font, double-spaced) Explain why you are interested in pursuing this independent project, how this project will challenge you intellectually or otherwise, and how this experience will benefit you in terms of your post-graduate career goals.

III. Project Description: A description of your research project (2 page maximum, 1-inch margins, 12-pt font, double-spaced) 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 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, 28 February 2020, via email to Mary Lindsay (mlindsay@msmary.edu), Office of the Dean.