Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program

Available Fellowships

- Year-long, semester-long, and summer competitive undergraduate research fellowships are available for Auburn University students.
- Year-long fellowships begin in the summer and extend through the spring semester.
- One-semester fellowships can be conducted in any semester.
- Length of fellowship offered varies by college/school.

Who May Apply

- Students must be currently enrolled at Auburn University and have time to complete their fellowship term before graduation.

How To Apply

- The fellowship application describes the student’s research question, research plan and long term goals.
- A student and faculty mentor may apply by submitting a joint application.
- The application form consists of two parts: a student section and a faculty mentor section
- Both parts must be submitted by the application deadline.

Program Requirements

- Expectations of the fellowship will be outlined by the college or school offering the fellowship. All fellows will attend an orientation session in which program requirements are explained.
- Fellowships are normally conducted on campus; however, some fellows conduct research off-campus at other institutions or specialized laboratories by arrangement through Auburn faculty mentors. These situations should be discussed with the sponsoring colleges and the Undergraduate Research director.
- Fellows will be asked to provide periodic reports of their research progress. Continuation of the fellowship is contingent on report submission.
- Students may not hold an undergraduate research fellowship from more than one Auburn University program concurrently. Questions on specific cases should be directed to the Undergraduate Research office.
- Fellows are required to give a presentation at Auburn University’s “This is Research: Student Symposium.”
- Fellows are also required to submit a research highlight or an article to the Auburn University Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship (AUJUS).
At the end of the fellowship, students will submit an abstract, resume, fellowship summary, and a program evaluation. These materials will be provided by the Undergraduate Research office.

Activities

- Fellows will be invited to participate in informal gatherings and professional development activities throughout the fellowship year.
- Both fellows and mentors may be asked to participate in presentations that describe their current research activities.

Mentor Guidelines

- Faculty who are interested in being a mentor to an undergraduate student should be committed to teaching the student how to perform research.
- Potential faculty mentors will provide a statement describing the proposed research activity and will submit the faculty application.
- Faculty mentors are expected to spend a minimum of one hour per week with the fellow during an academic semester and/or at least two hours per week during the summer.

Governance

A Steering Committee shall advise the Associate Provost and Vice President for Research on the guidelines and policies of the Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. The Steering Committee will be composed of Deans, Associate Deans, or Directors of participating schools and colleges and the Director of Undergraduate Research.

An Advisory Committee shall provide guidance on the programmatic activities of the Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. The Advisory Committee will consist of:

- Vice President for Research
- Director of the Honors College
- Director of Undergraduate Research
- 2 Deans or Associate Deans
- 4 Faculty members (each representing a different college or school so that four different colleges/schools are represented)
- 1 Undergraduate Research Fellow

Additional members may be added at the discretion of the Vice President for Research or Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies.
Funding Schedule

One Year Fellowships
Fellowship stipend and project funds: Amount up to $6,000
Time Expectation: During Summer: 40 hours/week for up to 10 weeks; Fall and Spring: 8 - 10 hours/week

Semester Fellowships
Fellowship stipend and project funds: Amount up to $2,000
Time Expectation: Fall and Spring: 8 - 10 hours/week

Summer Fellowships
Fellowship stipend and project funds: Amount up to $4,000.
Time Expectation: 40 hours/week for up to 10 weeks

Program Support
Support for the program is provided by the Office of the Provost, the Office of the Vice President for Research, and the colleges and schools of Auburn University. The program is administered jointly by the Director of Undergraduate Research and the participating schools and colleges.

Contact
Questions concerning the Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program should be directed to Dr. Lorraine Wolf, Director of Undergraduate Research, 0316K Haley Center, undgres@auburn.edu.