

UD Undergraduate Research Program

What are the summer programs? UGRP offers two summer programs. First, there is the **Summer Scholars Program**. This is a 10-week, full-time program. Students receive a \$3,500 stipend to work on a project under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Our program offers students a structure with various orientations, working groups, and a final symposium. Last year's symposium had over 400 participants and over 800 total attendees. Second, there is the **Summer Fellows** program. This provides variable funding for students who have a project they'd like to pursue, but who do not want to commit to the 10-week formal Summer Scholars program.

What are the expectations for faculty mentors? Mentors should help students to formulate a project, provide a letter of support, vet their application, and should guide the students over the summer. In the past, there was an assumption that faculty would be available to the students on campus throughout the 10-week program. However, in recognition that many Arts and Humanities faculty need to do their own research off-campus in the summer, we would like to be more flexible in our definition of guidance. In-person meetings with students are of course wonderful, but in this day of long-distance collaboration and telecommuting, there are a variety of modes for faculty to mentor student projects. We leave the particulars of the mentoring relationship to individual faculty members, although we do ask that you communicate steadily with students in some form throughout the 10-week session. Again, our program entails structured meetings, so students are not abandoned on campus if their mentor is abroad. Faculty mentors receive \$500.

What types of research projects are possible? Again, there are a variety of forms for the research project. Students may be interested in working on an independent project under faculty guidance, or they may collaborate with a faculty mentor on his or her own research. We want to emphasize that the Summer Scholars Program is not about supplying research assistants for faculty, but there are many ways in which student projects can contribute or be related to a faculty member's own research agenda. We are also open to developing collaborative group projects, and creative projects that entail research.

Program awards are competitive, so we cannot guarantee that all applicants will be accepted to the program. In the past, however, we have been able to fund a high number of our applications.

Applications are open from January 3 – March 1, 2016.

Applications can be found on our website: <http://www.urel.udel.edu/urp/>