



Undergraduate Research Fellowship
Center on Teaching and Learning
College of Education, University of Oregon

Project Description

The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) Program was established in 1998 for a singular purpose: To support University of Oregon undergraduate students who are committed to research and the process of inquiry and are likely to pursue graduate studies with a commitment to conducting a sustained program of research.

The Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program supports Oregon residents who are full-time juniors and seniors in any major area of study to work as Research Fellows in any discipline (e.g., Chemistry, Education, English, Geography, Psychology) at the University of Oregon. Three fellowship positions are available for the 2011-2012 school year. Admission to the program is highly competitive. Students appointed to this fellowship are responsible for finding their own research experience, which must meet the approval of the URF Director. All URFs are granted a tuition waiver for the entire academic year (maximum of 17 credits per term) and are expected to participate in their research project approximately 10 hours per week. URFs will also be required to enroll in a research seminar for 1 credit hour each term during the 2011-2012 academic year. Admission to the program is based on the quality of a student's application, personal statement (general focus, integration of activities, detailed planning), academic record, and faculty recommendations.

The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) Program is sponsored by the Center on Teaching and Learning (CTL), in the College of Education at the UO. For additional information on the URF program, visit our website (<http://ctl.uoregon.edu/services/urf>).

Student Qualifications and Application Criteria

Students from any major who exhibit substantial interest in research and who intend to pursue graduate school may apply to the URF program. The program is designed to support full-time students of junior or senior class standing with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50. Applicants should provide a one-page personal statement that describes their goals, career aspirations, and topics of interest and experience in research. In addition to the personal statement, two letters of recommendation are required from faculty at the University of Oregon or another recently attended university. Applicants must complete an URF application and provide an unofficial transcript from all universities attended.

Summary of Criteria

- Oregon resident
- full-time student
- junior/senior class standing
- 3.50 cumulative GPA or better
- one page personal statement of career goals, research interests, and experience
- two letters of recommendation from University of Oregon faculty members or another recently attended university
- unofficial transcript
- program application

Deadlines

All application materials for fellowships for the 2011-2012 academic year are due April 15, 2011. Interviews for selected applicants will take place during the first and second week of May. Recipients will be notified by May 21, 2011. Students have five days after the date of their notification letter to confirm acceptance of a fellowship award. Positions not confirmed in a timely fashion will be offered to other qualified applicants. Questions should be directed to Tanya Sheehan (541-346-1472 or tsheehan@uoregon.edu).

Recommendation Letters

Recommendation letters from the two faculty members named as references (Application Section II, Items 2C and 3B) should be addressed to the URF Selection Committee. Letters can be:

- 1) Emailed directly from the faculty member to tsheehan@uoregon.edu (preferred method); or
- 2) Placed in a sealed envelope with the faculty member's signature across the seal and included with the rest of the application materials.

Applicants are allowed to submit additional letters of recommendation if desired.

Application Submission

Completed applications should be submitted to: URF Selection Committee (c/o Tanya Sheehan):

- 1) U.S. Mail Address: Center on Teaching and Learning
 5292 University of Oregon
 Eugene, OR 97403-5292
- 2) Campus Mail Address: Center on Teaching and Learning (CTL)
 Riverfront Research Park
- 3) Hand Delivery Address: Center on Teaching and Learning, Suite 207
 Riverfront Research Park
 1600 Millrace Drive

Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity

The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) Program is sponsored by the Center on Teaching and Learning (CTL) in the College of Education at the University of Oregon. The CTL and the University of Oregon ensure the right of all individuals to equal opportunity in education and employment in all programs sponsored by the university without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, marital status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other extraneous consideration not directly and substantively related to merit or performance. In addition, the university subscribes to the fundamental importance of a multicultural and diverse work force and student body to the effective implementation of its mission. Therefore, the university will take additional steps to afford members of protected groups every reasonable opportunity to participate as employees and students in the university's programs. This policy will be applied in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and executive orders.

Sexual Harassment. The university does not tolerate sexual harassment in its many forms. Students and employees who believe they have been subjected to sexually based behavior or proposals should contact the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity.

For assistance in any of these areas, write or call the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, 474 Oregon Hall, 5221 University of Oregon, Eugene OR 97403; telephone (541) 346-3123.



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2011-2012 Application

Section I.

Name _____ UO ID # _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone (home) _____ (message) _____

Email Address _____

Ethnic Identity (mark all that apply):
(Optional - declining to provide this information will not effect consideration of your application)

_____ Decline Response

_____ Asian

_____ Black or African-American

_____ Hispanic or Latino or Chicano

_____ Native American or Alaska Native

_____ White, non-Hispanic

_____ Pacific Islander

_____ Middle Eastern

_____ Other: _____

Class standing (anticipated as of September 1, 2011): _____ Junior _____ Senior

Are you an Oregon resident? _____ Yes _____ No

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Anticipated Number of Credit Hours: Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Current Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ Current Major GPA: _____

Will you be on campus for the next 3 consecutive terms? Yes No

If not, please explain: _____

Section II.

- 1. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a one page personal statement that describes your goals, career aspirations, and topics of interest and experience in research.

- 2A. Provide contact information for the faculty member that will serve as a mentor during your research experience.

Name _____ Rank _____
Office Address _____
Office Phone _____ Email Address _____

- 2B. On a separate sheet of paper, identify and briefly describe the potential research site (e.g., laboratory, research group) and research project that could serve as a research placement for your URF.

- 2C. Provide a letter of commitment and recommendation from your potential research mentor.

- 3A. Provide contact information for one additional reference from the University of Oregon or another university.

Name _____ Rank _____
Office Address _____
Office Phone _____ Email Address _____

- 3B. Provide a letter of recommendation from the reference named in Item 3A.

Application Checklist:

- _____ Application Form
- _____ One page personal statement (Section II, Item 1)
- _____ Description of potential research project (Section II, Item 2B)
- _____ Two letters of recommendation from faculty (Section II, Items 2C and 3B)
- _____ Unofficial University transcript(s) from all universities attended