

## Transforming the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Dean's High Impact Award for Undergraduate Research



Undergraduate research is a high impact activity that will sharpen your critical thinking skills and is a great credential when applying to professional or graduate school. In addition, it gives you valuable preparation that is recognized by employers. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University has the **Dean's High Impact Award for Undergraduate Research** available for students interested in participating in research activities with faculty. Broad participation in research and scholarly activity from a wide range of fields and activities is encouraged.

These competitively selected awards are for \$1,200 for a semester and \$4,800 for the summer. Details of selection criteria and requirements to qualify for the awards are below.

## **Award Requirements**

- Undergraduate students with a declared primary major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who are working with a current Iowa State University faculty mentor are eligible. Preference will be given to students working with Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty.
- All awards require a joint research project proposal from the student and faculty member. These projects must be direct, hands-on activities- not lab support or readings.
- All awards require a final research project report from the student. (Details below.)
- Fall or Spring semester awards require the student be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours) and commit at least 100 hours to the project (typically 7 hours per week). Students can also earn course credit if their work on the project exceeds the required 100 hours (typically, 45 hours per semester per credit hour). The award will be distributed to the student as hourly compensation.
- Summer awards require full-time dedication to the project (40 hours per week for ten weeks). Students must be returning, full-time undergraduate students in LAS for the following semester to qualify for the summer award.
- Projects must occur on campus unless the student is travelling with the faculty mentor to collect or analyze data.

This award can be used to supplement other funding but will not exceed \$1,200.00 per semester or \$4,800.00 during the summer. The faculty mentor can request a small project expense award, up to \$500, to accompany the student award.

## **Final Research Project Reports**

Award recipients will be required to submit a short report. This will be one or two paragraphs in length, written in layperson terms and suitable for public release. It will include the topic being investigated, the question being addressed and what you have learned from the project. Your mentor should review this document to ensure it is accurate and suitable for potential release to the public. You may include one or two figures that could be posted on-line.

## **Spring 2020 Award Application Period:**

October 14, 2019 through November 15, 2019