2018 - 2019
SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM
COMPETITIVE AWARDS FOR STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH TEAMS

The Kenyon Summer Scholars program provides opportunities for students to work in close collaboration with faculty mentors in the social sciences, humanities, and fine arts as full participants in the processes of creating a research plan, executing a research project, and preparing results for presentation in a public forum. Summer Scholars working on the Kenyon campus form a special community, with participants coming together for discussions and social activities. This program is funded by Kenyon College and a grant from the Beulah Kahler Foundation. It is open to students working with faculty members in any department or program in the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts. Selections for these competitive awards are made by a committee of faculty members from these disciplines.

**Deadlines**
Proposals (including cover sheet) ......................................................4:30 PM on Friday, February 1, 2019
Abstracts (including mentor and project title) ........................................4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Draft Posters first printing.................................................................by midnight on Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Posters submitted for final printing....................................................by midnight on Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Presentation at research poster session..................................................4:15 to 6:00 PM on Friday, October 18, 2019
All receipts and invoices submitted for payment or reimbursement.........4:30 PM Thursday, October 31, 2019

**Program requirements** – The student member of a student/faculty research team is responsible for writing and submitting the proposal (see below) in consultation with the faculty member. The team conducts their research over an 8 to 10 week period in the summer, at the end of which the student member of the team submits a concise and accessible **abstract** of approximately 200 words describing the project and results. Additionally, summer scholars present their results at a **research poster session** during Family Weekend in October.

**Fellowships** - The current fellowship award is $4,000 per student plus provision of on-campus housing. Students not requiring on-campus housing are not eligible for additional remuneration.

**Expenses** - Each student will be able to purchase up to $500 in materials, equipment, or travel to directly support the research project. Any materials, supplies, and equipment will become the property of the College and remain with the department after the summer. All expenses must be approved by the faculty mentor and submitted with original invoice or receipt to the administrative assistant for the faculty mentor’s department no later than the last day of October following the summer project. **Funding for conference travel may be requested through a Provost’s Student Research Grant.**

**Proposals** – A complete proposal consists of

1. The Summer Research Application (linked through the Kenyon Student Research website)
2. **Project Description and Budget**: clear, concise description of the goals and methodology of the proposed project, understandable to individuals outside the discipline (limit 2000 words), as well as a budget detailing expenses limited to materials, equipment, and travel directly related to the research project – uploaded pdf as part of the Application.
3. **Faculty Mentor Form** (linked through the Kenyon Student Research website): this form confirms the commitment of the faculty mentor and indicates whether grant funds may be available to support the student stipend and expenses beyond the $500 research budget.

The student member of the research team is responsible for completing the Summer Research Application, while the faculty mentor completes part 3 and submits it directly. Awards will be announced on or before **February 22, 2019**. Notification will be by e-mail, copying the faculty mentor. Students may not accept this award if they are participating in another summer research program or has on-campus summer employment, and if they accept the award, they are expected to commit to the KSS program and remove themselves from consideration in other programs.

**Audit credit** – Students who complete all requirements as stated above and who are endorsed by their faculty mentors will receive audit credit on their transcripts for this summer research experience. Students who will be abroad at the time of the poster session may prepare a poster in advance for display at the session, or they may present their poster in the summer science poster session the following year to complete the requirements for audit credit. If neither of these options is feasible, other arrangements may be made with the approval of Professor Brad Hartlaub and the student’s research mentor.

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