

The University of Scranton  
FOR SUMMER RESEARCH  
2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INTRODUCTION

Students with the opportunity to engage in a full-time research project with a full-time faculty mentor during a seven-week period in the summer. There are several exciting changes to the PFSR program:

The total number of awards has been increased from 6 to ten (10), and two of these will be dedicated specifically to projects that stem from the Humanities (one award) and the Social Sciences (one award). Funds for the Humanities and Social Sciences awards have increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Funds for the Humanities and Social Sciences awards are especially encouraged to apply. The faculty honorarium has been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Awards per project will thus increase from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will administer the program. In addition to the faculty mentor honorarium, \$3,000 will be provided to the student and \$500 is allocated for materials and/or student travel.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- x Research proposals are to be prepared by students with faculty mentor assistance.
- x Each proposal must be typed in 12-point font, double-spaced, and include:
  - Abstract (1 page)
  - Narrative (maximum of 7 pages)
    - Background
    - Research objectives and importance of the proposed project
    - Methodology (include timeline for project, even if it extends beyond the seven-week period)
    - Description of both student and faculty roles in the research project
    - Dissemination plan for research results, including potential products and authorship
  - Bibliography
  - CV of faculty member (2 pages; experience relevant to research topic and student mentoring)
  - CV of student (2 pages)
  - Student transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable) - include with paper copy only
- x Submit by March 10, 2023
  - One (1) original signed paper copy with transcripts to the Associate Provost, St. Thomas Hall, Room 5122
  - AND
  - One (1) electronic (WORD or pdf) copy without transcripts as an email attachment to Linda Walsh, [linda.walsh@scranton.edu](mailto:linda.walsh@scranton.edu)
- x Annual Celebration of Student Scholars (held in April each year)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- x Undergraduate students who will continue full-time undergraduate study at The University of Scranton in Fall 2023 are eligible for a 2023 summer research stipend.
- x Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 at the time of proposal submission and at least a B+ in their major.
- x To receive the award, students must be free of academic and disciplinary restrictions at the end of the Spring 2023 semester.

## REVIEW

- x The Faculty Research Committee will evaluate the proposals. Faculty Committee who submit proposals will not take part in the review process.
- x Criteria to be used in the review process include:
  - Merit of the proposed work
  - Credentials of the faculty member and expectation for success in the research
  - Credentials of the student and expectation for success
  - Potential for joint authorship on communications resulting from the proposed work
- x Given proposals of equivalent quality, preference will be given to candidates who have not received this award previously, and 2) upper classmen.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Linda Walsh, Office of the Provost, 570-941-7520 or [linda.walsh@scranton.edu](mailto:linda.walsh@scranton.edu)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name:

Local Address:

E-mail:

Local Telephone:

PROJECT TITLE

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- Proposal Cover Sheet
- Abstract