

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Undergraduate Research Minigrant

Purpose of the Research Minigrants

College of Sciences Research Minigrants support creative research efforts by undergraduate students (sophomore or junior) whose majors are within the College of Sciences. **The emphasis will be on interdisciplinary research.** Proposals at the interface of physical and biological sciences are encouraged. An award of \$2,500 will be granted to qualifying undergraduate students to continue or initiate a research project, under the guidance of a regular faculty member or members within the College of Sciences, during at least an 8-week period in the summer of 2010. A minigrant award cannot be used in conjunction with any other awards or fellowships.

Application Deadline

Friday, March 5, 2010.

General Guidelines

The Research Minigrant application should be four pages in length.

Page 1: The student minigrant applicant should provide a description of the proposed research project as outlined below.

- 1) What is the proposed research project and your part in it?
- 2) What is the scientific rationale for this project?
- 3) If you have already been active in this research area, what are the results of your pilot studies that support the proposed project?

Page 2: The sponsoring faculty mentor or mentors should address the following questions.

- 1) Do you agree to support and actively supervise the research proposed by this undergraduate student?
- 2) What matching or additional support will you or your Department contribute?
- 3) Signatures of the sponsoring faculty member or members and the Chair/Director of the Department/School.

Page 3: The applicant should provide a one-page curriculum vita that, includes but is not limited to, the applicant's name, WSU ID number, mailing address (local, permanent, and departmental), telephone number (local, permanent, and departmental), e-mail address, academic accomplishments (including cumulative and current GPA), his/her declared major, and anticipated date of graduation.

Page 4: The applicant should provide a budget page that details the direct costs and any matching or additional support.

Notes

- 1) The College of Sciences wants more of our majors to have undergraduate research experience. Therefore, preference will be given to applicants who have not been funded previously by the College of Sciences.
- 2) The successful applicant will be required to present their results by participating in the annual College of Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, which takes place on March 28, 2011.

Submit the four-page proposal to: V. S. "Mano" Manoranjan, Associate Dean, College of Sciences, zip 3520, 208 Morrill Hall, or by email to meserve@wsu.edu.