
Saluki Scholars Research Opportunity

APPLICATION PACKET

PURPOSE: The Saluki Scholars Research Opportunity (SSRO) seeks to provide research assistantships to enhance the scholarship of students in the *University Honors Program (UHP)* by engaging in faculty-mentored undergraduate research projects throughout the academic year.

AWARD: In the Fall, SSRO assistantships will be awarded to students in the aforementioned program. With the support of these awards, faculty members will guide students through a demanding research opportunity. Each student will receive \$10 per hour/10 hours per week both fall and spring semesters while working on their research project. (**NOTE: Funding will be prorated at the start and close of each semester.**) Please submit this application, your research proposal and your faculty letter of support to Pam Gwaltney in the OMSA Office at UHP. **Do not send assistantship materials to the Financial Aid Office.**

ELIGIBILITY: Awards will be made based on students overall performance in the following categories (equal weight will be given in each category).

SELECTION CRITERIA	4	3	2	1
<u>Group Participation*</u> This scholar is enthusiastic, dependable, team oriented, and timely.	Always	Almost Always	Sometimes	Never
<u>Research Proposal</u>	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Not Focused
<u>GPA</u>	4.0-3.5	3.4-3.0	2.9-2.75	2.7 or below

*Based on involvement in group activities sponsored by University Honors Program including: meetings, recruitment, volunteering, outreach, helping fellow scholars, etc.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES: All application materials must be typed. **Be sure to follow the guidelines below.** A complete application consists of the following sections. See the following pages for detailed instructions.

- I. Cover sheet, signed by the applicant, faculty sponsor and dean
- II. Project description (sections A-F. 2 pages)
- III. Literature cited (1 page)
- IV. Timeline of Project Activities
- V. Resume (1 page)
- VI. Unofficial transcript
- VII. Faculty Recommendation

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I. COVER SHEET

NAME: _____

DAWG TAG NUMBER: _____

TITLE OF PROJECT: _____

FACULTY SPONSOR (NAME AND DEPARTMENT): _____

MAJOR: _____

EXPECTED SEMESTER AND YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____

If this project involves human subjects, laboratory animals, hazardous materials call ORDA (453-4540) for permission information.

Student Applicant Signature/Date

Faculty Sponsor Signature/Date

Dean/Director Signature/Date

II. SSRO UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

(2 pages):

A. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

Clearly and concisely state the research problem/question or creative concept that will be addressed during the academic year. (3-6 sentences)

B. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

Explain the present state of knowledge or understanding in the field, with proper citations of pertinent literature where appropriate. Make it clear why you want to do this project, and why it needs to be undertaken to fill a gap in knowledge.

C. HYPOTHESES AND/OR RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

List the hypothesis (hypotheses) you will test or state your research question(s).

D. METHODS OF DATA GATHERING AND EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN:

Systematically describe the design of your project and how you will gather data to address your questions and/or hypotheses. Systematically describe how the data will be analyzed. (Quantitative and/or qualitative methods may be used.)

E. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Explain the significance and impact of your project as it contributes to the advancement of learning in your discipline, to the enrichment of our cultural and aesthetic heritage, and/or to the public welfare.

F. OUTCOMES:

What will be the final “product” of the proposed project? Possible “products” are a report, a publishable article or chapter, a performance, a policy recommendation, a painting, etc. Be specific.

III. LITERATURE CITED (1 page): Bibliography of the works cited in section II. Include a list of references that are cited in your proposal, especially in section B. Use standard professional format such APA style for your literature citation.

IV. TIMELINE OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES (no page limit):

Provide a monthly timeline of research activities throughout the academic year. Include preparation of a research paper and poster presentation.

V. RESUME (1 page)

VI. UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

VII. FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

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TO STUDENT APPLICANT(S): Please print or type the information requested below and then give this form to your faculty sponsor. It is your responsibility to ensure that this signed form and a letter of support from your sponsor (sealed in an envelope) are included in your application.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

FACULTY SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

TITLE OF PROJECT: _____

TO FACULTY SPONSOR: Please complete and sign this form and attach a letter of support. Letters should include (1) a candid and confidential assessment of the student's ability to successfully complete the proposed research, (2) a discussion of your specific contributions to the project and your mentoring strategy, and (3) a statement of commitment of your time and appropriate resources to the project. The completed form and letter should be placed ***in a signed and sealed envelope*** and returned to the student to be included in an application packet.

NOTE: By signing this form, you are agreeing to the following, should the project be funded:

As faculty sponsor for this project, I attest that to the best of my knowledge, this application was prepared in the student's own words with only editorial input from me. I accept the responsibilities of: (1) guiding the student's research; (2) submitting necessary paperwork for an undergraduate assistantship; (3) ensuring that the student submits a summary report to the SSRO Office at the conclusion of the funding year; and (4) supporting the student's participation in the Undergraduate Research Forum during the Spring semester. I will advise the student of his/her ethical responsibility to satisfy the conditions of the Undergraduate Assistantship, including obtaining all relevant compliance assurances and providing information on research integrity (plagiarism, falsification of data, etc.).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____