

Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities at Concordia College: Opportunities for Students

The Office of Undergraduate Research is pleased to announce the following opportunities available for students engaging in scholarly endeavors.

Academic Year and Summer Research

Undergraduate Research Grant Program: This program provides support to assist undergraduate students in carrying out research, scholarship and creative activities, as appropriate in their chosen discipline. The award is designed to help defray the cost of undertaking the project, including travel and supplies. *Application deadlines 2015-2016: October 2 and January 29.*

Student Scholar Program: This program provides direct financial support to undergraduate students carrying out research, scholarship and creative activities. The award of up to \$500.00 can be used to compensate the student for the time they will commit to the project. *Application deadlines 2015-2016: October 2 and January 29.*

Ylvisaker Library Exemplary Research Award: This award recognizes a Junior or Senior student who excels at the research process and who completed a project that demonstrates thoughtful, reflective attention to the research topic of his/her choice. Applicants must submit a portfolio that includes an academic paper, an annotated bibliography, and a reflective essay about the research methods used in creating the paper. *More information on the library's website.*

Summer Opportunities

Centennial Scholars Research: This program is dedicated to promoting “co-inquiry” between faculty and students. The college selects faculty recipients, who in turn choose two student research partners with whom to conduct original research. *Applications are submitted by faculty to the Dean of Faculty Development and faculty members select their own research assistants.*

Undergraduate Research Program funded by SGA: This program supports student involvement in research by funding summer research fellows to pursue independent scholarly research or a creative/artistic endeavor under the close supervision of an academic mentor; students are encouraged to undertake a project that prepares them for responsible engagement with the world. *Application deadline: February 12, 2016.*

Summer Undergraduate Sustainability Research Grant Program: This program will support student involvement in research opportunities by funding two summer research fellowships. Students will spend 8-9 weeks pursuing independent scholarly research on a sustainability-related issue. *Application deadline: February 12, 2016.*

Summer Research in the Departments: Each year a number of student-faculty research teams are funded by college funds, gifts and endowments and by external funds awarded to faculty numerous departments on campus. *Students applying for these awards through their respective departments. Deadlines vary by department.*

Dissemination Opportunities

Undergraduate Travel to Present Scholarly Work: This program provides support for students to attend professional meetings and conferences to give a presentation, exhibit juried artwork, or give a theatrical or musical performance (maximum award \$500.00). *Travel funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with funds set aside for summer, fall and spring semester.*

National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR): Students are selected to travel (with a faculty member) to the NCUR meeting to present their scholarly work. Students will be selected from across the Academic Divisions and the School of Business. NCUR 2016 is April 7-9, University of North Carolina Asheville. *Internal (Concordia) Application Deadline: November 9, 2015.*

Minnesota Private College's Scholars at the Capitol: Each year two faculty-student collaborative groups are supported to attend this event held in St. Paul, MN in February. Students share their research in the Capitol Rotunda with state legislators and staffers. *Recipients of this opportunity are selected from our Centennial Scholars and other research award recipients by the Director of Undergraduate Research.*

Institutional Repository for Undergraduate Research: The goal of Concordia College's Institutional Repository for Undergraduate Research is to gather, disseminate, and preserve examples of exemplary research of Concordia College students. *Student presenters at the Celebration of Student Scholarship are nominated for this honor. If nominated, students will be contacted by the college archivist and encouraged to submit their work to the repository.*

Celebration of Student Scholarship: April 13, 2016: This campus-wide academic event is an opportunity for students who have been involved in original, scholarly projects to present their work at a formal academic event. Students will present posters and papers, display art and give performances that describe faculty-guided projects that were conducted at Concordia, work completed as part of an off-campus experience, or other independent scholarly accomplishments. There will also be opportunities to hear from alumni who have participated in undergraduate research and sessions for student researchers to develop professional skills and learn about how to get involved in research, scholarship and creative activity while at Concordia. *Abstract submissions deadline TBD (usually early March).*

Student Workshops & Other Programming

Various undergraduate research workshops for students will be offered this year. Please watch for emails announcing these events. Topics will include: making and presenting posters; giving conference presentations; writing abstracts.

For application materials & more information about these opportunities visit:

<http://www.concordiacollege.edu/academics/research/>

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