The University of Cincinnati
Office of the Vice President for Research
**Undergraduate Student Stipend and Research Cost Program
for Faculty—Student Collaboration**

Advancing impactful student engaged research@UC

Program Funding Level: *Applicants may request up to $4,500.00 in total costs; $4,000.00 in research stipend and $500.00 in research costs payable to the department*

**RFP is open October 22, 2019, 8:00 am EST.
Proposals are due December 12, 2019, 5:00 pm EST.**

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 RFP for the URC Undergraduate Student Stipend and Research Cost Program for Faculty—Student Collaboration. This program provides summer stipend support to outstanding undergraduate students plus funds to support related research costs working in collaboration with a UC faculty member. Stipend support of up to $4,000 will be provided to the student plus up to $500 for research costs payable to the department.

All undergraduate students from UC who will not have graduated by September 2020 are eligible for this award. Students who have been accepted into other UC-sponsored summer undergraduate programs are eligible to apply. If awarded, the student will receive the higher of the two stipends and the URC funds will be used for all or part of that support.

Eligibility and Expectations:
- Eligible applicants include UC students who will still be enrolled by December of the following academic year.
- If this proposal is accepted, the student certifies that he or she is capable and willing to work a total of 170 hours from May 1, to August 31, 2020.
- Eligible Faculty Collaborators are UC faculty members with at least an 80% FTE appointment hold a primary appointment in one of UC's affiliates (CCHMC, VA and Shriners) are eligible to contribute effort; adjuncts and visiting professors are not eligible.

- This is an area of new research for the student and the faculty collaborator that has not been previously funded.

Proposal Submission Requirements:
Applications will be submitted online via Wisehive, our internal program software. When the application is available, the link will be posted on https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview.

Additional information can be found within the portal about the requirements for each section and all of the words maximums in the system are shown below.
Proposal Contents:
- Biographical Sketch Submission (PDF upload; 4 pages maximum, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)
- Education and Career Objectives (250 words)
- Course Transcript (PDF upload)
- Project Title (30 words)
- Statement of Problem (200 words)
- Background and Significance (500 words)
- Specific Aims, Research Questions or Hypotheses (250 words)
- Research Strategy or Plan (500 words)
- New Area of Research (250 words)
- Faculty Collaborator's Role (200 words)
- Timeline (500 words)
- References (PDF upload)
- Budget Justification
- Faculty Collaboration Agreement (PDF upload)
- Program Director's Approval (PDF upload)

Awards: Number of awards and award amounts may vary. The award period is 3 months, starting May 1st. The Office of Research Director of Business Affairs will contact awardees' College business managers to facilitate transfer of funds upon awardees' acceptance of awards (awards announced in March).

Review & Selection Process: Each URC proposal will be reviewed by a team of reviewers. The review process is blind and it will be managed such that no conflict of interest issues arise. The review panel's recommendations for funding will be assessed by the Program Officer who makes penultimate recommendations to the Vice President for Research for final approval.

Official Review Criteria:
- Research Project Merit
  - Would the project help the student learn? Is the project innovative and of theoretical and/or practical significance?

- o Are the goals clearly articulated? Are the project design and analysis appropriately addressed?
  - o Can feasible progress be made on the project during the summer funding period?
- Academic and Research Achievements
  - o Research Proposal
  - o Grades
  - o Publications, performances and showings in the arts, presentations and invited papers as well as involvement in the field, honors and awards, and involvement in leadership and volunteer organizations.
- Compliance with Application Guidelines in the RFP and the Submission Portal

Grant Conditions:
- All work resulting from this research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research – URC Undergraduate Student Stipend and Research Cost Program for Faculty—Student Collaboration" as project funding source.
- Project duration is from May 1st, and ending August 31st. The program officer will consider requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer.
- Allowable costs are those listed in the proposal budget that were approved by the review panel and Program Officer will typically be those associated with successful completion of a research or scholarly project, and may include equipment, supplies or services.   Travel to meetings or conferences is not supported. Travel that is essential to successful completion of the aims of the project is permitted. Please note: Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via Office of Research funds.
- A financial report will be provided from the PI's department at the end of the 3-month period. Expenses at the conclusion of the project will be reviewed and all unused funds will be returned to the Office of Research for reallocation toward future awards.
- It is expected that awardees will participate in other activities such as proposal reviews for this program or other internal funding opportunities out of the Offices of the Vice President for Research in the future.

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