

McDonough Summer Research Fellowship Program

The McDonough Summer Research Fellowship is an extraordinary opportunity for undergraduates wishing to conduct independent summer research under the mentorship of a McDonough faculty member. Each recipient of a fellowship will receive \$5,000 for the summer (if timeline is 10 weeks; or \$2500 if timeline is 5 weeks).

To participate, students must first identify a faculty member to mentor/advise the project. Projects may be independent research studies designed by the student and mentored by a McDonough faculty member, or students may participate in on-going faculty research projects as long as a clear role for the student is identified and a defined contribution is planned for the 10-week timeline.

Complete applications are due by 12:00 pm on Monday, April 16, 2012. Fellowship awards will be announced by Monday, April 23, 2012. Please e-mail your complete application in one Word document or PDF to UGDEAN@georgetown.edu.

To apply, students must provide:

1. A 500-1,000 word essay describing:
 - a) proposed project of study
 - b) significance of the project in relation to the field at large
 - c) credentials for undertaking this project
 - d) relation of the project to student's long-range intellectual and educational goals
2. A 10-week project timeline (If a 5-week timeline, state rationale for shorter time period.)
3. For projects requiring the students traveling abroad, list of all procedures and documentation required to conduct research in foreign country (including customs regulations, travel documentation, etc.)
4. Résumé (no more than 2 pages)
5. Transcript (may be unofficial)
6. A letter of support from the faculty mentor who will advise the project

Preference will be given to sophomores and juniors and topics related to entrepreneurial and global issues, but the strength of the proposal will be the fundamental criterion for the selection of the fellows. Additionally, note that faculty members may mentor more than one project.

Undergraduate research experience is invaluable—from creating the project, drafting the timeline, sustaining independent work, writing up the research and eventually presenting the findings. The skills gained through securing and completing a summer research grant are immeasurably helpful for a strong undergraduate record, future graduate school admissions and study, and post-graduate fellowships.