



Temple University
College of Liberal Arts
Office of the Dean

Spring, Summer, and Fall 2019
Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Awards
(LAURA Scholars)

Guidelines for Faculty Applications
due October 22, 2018 and March 29, 2019
made possible by the Center for Scholars Fund

Objective

To create more opportunities for undergraduate students to develop research skills by working with faculty mentors on faculty-led research projects while increasing support for faculty research in CLA.

Funding

The College of Liberal Arts will grant up to fifteen awards, with each faculty-undergraduate research team receiving \$2,000. \$1,500 of those funds will be designated as a stipend given to undergraduates (LAURA Scholars) over one semester. LAURA Scholars are expected to work up to 10 hours per week for a total of 100 hours over the course of the summer or academic semester at a rate of \$15 per hour. The 100 hours can either be concentrated or spread out according to the needs of the project and the scheduling needs of the LAURA Scholar and faculty mentor. Faculty mentors will receive a stipend of \$500 to be paid into their 14 (research) accounts. Mentoring a LAURA Scholar will be considered a teaching activity eligible for merit pay consideration.

Eligibility

- LAURA Scholars must be primarily affiliated with CLA and enrolled at the time of award.
- Students who are receiving funding to participate in other undergraduate research programs at Temple, e.g. CARAS awards, merit scholars, etc. are not eligible for this award in the same semester.
- No more than 2 awards can be given to the same faculty/students per year.
- Faculty member must be tenured or tenure-track.
- One application per faculty per semester.

Program Requirements and Conditions

- **LAURA Scholars are expected to spend their time engaged in meaningful research activities; they are not to spend their time conducting clerical work or teaching duties that are not related to this research project.**
- LAURA Scholars must be identified at the time of application.
- A LAURA Scholar may work for only one faculty member in any one semester.
- Toward the end of each term, a **mandatory** event will be held for research teams to present their work and celebrate their accomplishments.

Deadline

A single PDF file containing all documents specified below must be electronically submitted **by the faculty member** on or before **October 22, 2018** for Spring 2019 and on or before **March 29, 2019** for Summer and Fall 2019 to Kim Fahey, at kimberly.fahey@temple.edu. Please **do not** send paper applications, as they will not be accepted. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Kim Fahey, Director of Research Administration, at kimberly.fahey@temple.edu or 1-3367.

Proposal Requirements

The following materials should be presented in this **exact** order:

1. Cover Page
 - You must use the standardized form.
 - The cover page should be signed by the student and faculty member to indicate agreement with the terms of the award.
2. Project Abstract **written for a general audience***
 - No more than 250 words.
3. Project Description **written for a general audience***
 - The Project Description must describe why the LAURA Scholar is a good prospect for this award. The tasks related to faculty research assigned to the LAURA Scholar must be described and applicant should demonstrate how the completion of these tasks will impart meaningful research skills. Emphasis should be on research skill development for the LAURA Scholar and how this mentorship may benefit the faculty applicant's research.
 - This section should be no more than 3, double-spaced pages.
4. CV

- Include a CV for the faculty mentor and resume for the LAURA Scholar.