

CU GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Scholarship competition

2016 von Dreden Stacey Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Call for Applications

The Department is pleased to request applications for the 2016 von Dreden Stacey Undergraduate Research Fellowship. The fellowship is designed to support Geography majors interested in developing their research skills, through mentored research with Department faculty.

Up to three fellowships will be awarded. This fellowship consists of a \$3000 stipend awarded for 8 weeks of research during the summer of 2016. In addition, applicants may request up to \$1000 in additional funds to cover travel and equipment expenses.

Deadlines:

Applicants must submit a proposal and a faculty letter of support to Joe Bryan, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, via email at jbryan@colorado.edu by **April 4**.

Awards will be announced by April 22 at the latest. Recipients are expected to complete the proposed research between May 10 and August 22, 2016.

Recipients will be required to give a short presentation on their research in the Geography Department's colloquium series during the Fall 2016 semester.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be Geography majors in at least their second year of college but not be graduating before December 2016.

Applicants must be in good academic standing to be considered for an award.

If the proposed research is not done in direct collaboration with a Geography faculty member's ongoing research, applicants must have the support of a faculty member for their proposed research.

Faculty sponsors who are not already receiving summer salary for the proposed project may request an additional \$1000 to support their mentorship of the proposed research.

Evaluation Criteria:

The Department's Undergraduate Committee will review applications using the following criteria.

Intellectual merit of proposed research (40%): The application should identify the intellectual merit of the proposed research. Merit can be demonstrated by integration with ongoing research done by the sponsoring faculty member, or by the merit of the individual project proposed. Applicants are expected to work closely with sponsoring faculty to establish the merit of the proposal.

Connection between research and applicant's educational goals (60%): Proposals should address how the proposed research project will contribute to the applicant's education. This can include identification of professional goals, listing of relevant coursework qualifying the applicant to do the work proposed, and prospects for using the research as the basis for thesis work or publication.

Application Requirements and Procedures:

All application materials must be submitted to jbryan@colorado.edu by 5pm, April 4, 2016.

Each application should include:

- 1) A proposal describing the research, stating the relevance of the proposed work to the applicant's educational and professional goals, and the applicant's qualification (2 pages max., 12 pt Times New Roman font, 1" margins).
- 2) A CV (resumé) for the applicant (2 pages max.).
- 3) An unofficial copy of the applicant's transcript indicating their major and GPA.
- 4) A supplementary budget for travel and equipment expenses up to a maximum of \$1000.
- 5) A letter of support, sent under separate cover, from the Geography faculty member who will mentor the applicant. Letters of support should address the intellectual merit of the proposed research, state its relevance, if any, to current research done by the faculty member, address whether the faculty member will be receiving summer salary for the project during the course of the applicant's research, and assess the applicant's qualifications.

For additional information, please contact Joe Bryan, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies: jbryan@colorado.edu.