

CU GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

2017 von Dreden Stacey Undergraduate Research Fellowship Call for Applications

Established by Katherine and Frank Baxter in honor of Katherine's parents, Barbara von Dreden (CU class of 1940) and Karl Stacey (CU class of 1936). This fellowship is designed to support Geography majors interested in developing their research skills, through mentored research with Department faculty, culminating with the completion of an Honors Thesis.

Up to three fellowships will be awarded. This fellowship consists of a \$1500 stipend awarded for 8 weeks of research during the summer of 2017, and \$1500 will be awarded upon **the successful completion on an Honors Thesis** for a total award of \$3000. In addition, applicants may request up to \$1000 in additional funds to cover travel and equipment expenses.

Application Deadline:

Applicants must submit all materials (see below) to Professor Peter Blanken, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, via **email before 5:00 pm MST May 29, 2017**.

Requirements:

Recipients are required to complete the research prior to the start of the Fall 2017 semester. To receive the second half (\$1500), recipients are expected to complete GEOG 4173 (Research Design) in Fall 2017, and successfully complete an Honors Thesis prior to the end of the Spring 2018 semester. Recipients will be required to give a short presentation on their research in the Department's colloquium series during the Fall 2017 semester.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be Geography majors in at least their second year of college but not graduate before December 2017. Applicants must be in good academic standing to be considered for an award. If the proposed research is not done in collaboration with a Geography faculty member's ongoing applicants must have the support of a faculty member for their proposed research. Faculty mentors 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:

Significance 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.

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- 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 (resume) for the applicant (2 pages max.).
- 3) An unofficial copy of the applicant's transcript indicating their major and GPA.
- 4) If desired, 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 Professor Peter Blanken, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies.