

## Civil and Environmental Engineering Chair's Undergraduate Research Fellowships Guidelines and Information

CEE fellowships are competitive awards that provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to enhance their education by participating in directed research. The fellowships are designed to allow for various levels of participation and are intended to help students develop solid analytical skills and strong research techniques to pursue graduate school and careers in research fields or academia.

### 1) **Fall/Spring Fellowships** (Open to Juniors and Seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA; or extenuating circumstances)

Recipients perform directed research in the fall and/or spring semesters under the advisement of a faculty member to enhance their educational experience. The period of research should be discussed with the faculty mentor. Recipients receive \$1,000.00 per semester, which is disbursed in two equal parts. The first payment is disbursed approximately mid-October for the fall semester/mid-March for the spring semester and the second is disbursed at the end of the semester in which the fellowship is awarded. Funds awarded will be directly deposited into the student's bank account, and are considered taxable income, although the University withholds no taxes for U.S. citizens. These fellowships are intended to provide partial support for undergraduate researchers during the academic year. Fellowship holders may combine this research, employment and/or volunteer activities. Application Submission due by June 1 for Fall Fellowship and December 1 for Spring Fellowship

(Note: Students who are awarded the fall semester fellowship may be extended for the spring semester at the discretion of their faculty advisor. A separate extension form must be completed by the student and signed by the faculty advisor and returned by December 15 for all extensions.)

### 2) **Summer Fellowships** (Open to students with a 3.0 or higher GPA; or extenuating circumstances)

Recipients receive a 10-week summer fellowship to perform directed research under the advisement of a faculty member to enhance their educational experience. The period of research will begin in early June and end in mid-August. Recipients must commit to the full 10 weeks and may not combine employment and/or volunteer activities during the 10-week period. Fellows are required to participate in a poster presentation during the Undergraduate Research Symposium hosted by the Undergraduate Research Program (URP) and attend meetings or other requirements within the URP summer scholars program. Fully funded fellowship recipients receive \$4,500.00. The department has a limited number of lesser awards that can be combined with awards from the URP Summer Scholars program, up to a combined total of \$4,500.00. It is highly recommended that those applying for the department summer fellowship also apply to the URP Summer Scholars program. Stipends are paid in two or three disbursement depending on funding source. The first payment is disbursed mid-June and the remainder is disbursed mid-July. Funds awarded will be directly deposited into the student's bank account, and are considered taxable income, although the University withholds no taxes for U.S. citizens. These fellowships are intended to provide support for undergraduate researchers during the summer.

Application Submission due by March 1

### 3) **Winter Fellowships** (Open to Juniors and Seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA; or extenuating circumstances)

Recipients receive a 4-week winter fellowship to perform directed research under the advisement of a faculty member to enhance their educational experience. The period of research will begin early January and end no later than February 1. Recipients must commit to the full 4 weeks and may not combine employment and activities during the 4-week period. Fellowship recipients receive \$1,800.00, which is disbursed in one payment. The first payment is disbursed approximately mid-January, and the second is disbursed approximately early February. Funds awarded will be directly deposited into the student's bank account, and are considered taxable income, although the University withholds no taxes for U.S. citizens. These awards are intended to provide support for undergraduate researchers during the winter.

Application Submission due by December 1

### 4) **Senior Thesis Fellowship** (Open to rising Seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA; or extenuating circumstances))

Student must apply for the Summer Fellowship and be accepted as a fellow in the summer between their junior and senior year. The fellowship stipend of \$450 per week is provided to a rising senior to support research and educational enhancement associated with the completion of a senior thesis under the advisement of a faculty member. The stipend is offered payable during 10 weeks in the summer and 4 weeks in the winter terms, however, awardees do not receive a monetary stipend during the fall and spring of the senior year because they receive senior thesis credit in lieu of technical elective credits as required by University policy. **Note: Senior thesis students need only apply for the fellowship once. Once awarded, the awardee is automatically re-enrolled in subsequent semester as a chair's fellow provided they continue to show progress toward the senior thesis.**