Dear Students and Faculty,

I am very pleased to call for proposals for the 2017 Hixon Endowment Summer Research Fellowships (SRF) in Environmental Studies. Hixon Fellowships are distinctive awards for outstanding students to work on collaborative projects concerning the environment with faculty during the 10-week summer research program. Proposals will be accepted from faculty-student teams from any department.

The Environmental Studies Steering Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations for awards. While proposals will be evaluated on their own merits, some effort will be made to distribute awards between the natural sciences, environmental policy and justice and the arts and humanities.

Proposals must be submitted no later than February 17, 2017. Please see the online instructions for application.

Instructions

Interested students are encouraged to make an appointment to speak to Richard Reed, Chair of the Environmental Studies Steering Committee before embarking on the application process. Applications should be developed by students in collaboration with individual faculty. Once a faculty mentor has been identified, students may start preparing their application. The student should submit the data sheet, project description, essays and transcript to the faculty mentor by an agreed-upon date.

The faculty mentor, in consultation with the student, should complete the additional faculty materials. Email the completed file to reed@trinity.edu by noon on February 17, 2016. Recommendations of students by the mentor should be sent separately to reed@trinity.edu (same deadline). If not the Mentor of the proposed summer research, the referee should be a Trinity faculty member who knows the student’s academic work well.

Selection criteria: Projects are invited from the natural sciences, environmental policy and justice and the arts and humanities. Proposals must show the relevance for the research for the environmental studies; interdisciplinary research will be highly regarded. Students must show a clearly defined plan of work or research and have adequate background knowledge to embark on the project. The mentoring relationship should be well-established and there should be a commitment to continue working together on the project. The project outcomes must be clearly defined and benefit the student and faculty member alike.
Student Component (email to your faculty mentor)

Student Data sheet

Project Title:

Faculty Mentor name:

Student name:

Student ID:

Email:

Telephone (Campus and Cell):

Graduation expected in May ___ December ___ of 2018 ___ 2019 ___ 2020 ___ 2021 ___

Major or intended major: __________________________

Academic Advisor: __________________________

Are you a McNair Scholar? ___ FASTER grant recipient? ___

Semmes Distinguished Scholar? ___ TU Top Scholar? ___

Beckman Fellow? ___

Check all of the summer opportunities that you have applied for or intend to apply for and rank them in order of preference.

___ Murchison ___ Mellon
___ Noyce ___ Biomathematics
___ Chemistry ___ Biology (Kline, BSURF)
___ Geosciences ___ FASTER research award
___ Individual Faculty Grant (funder:_________) ___ Off-campus research opportunity ___ Summer Internship or Job

Name and email address of TU faculty member who has agreed to submit a letter of recommendation. __________________________________________________________
Student Statement

Please describe your motivation for participating in this summer research project. Include your career goals, if applicable. (50 word limit)

Project Abstract (200 word limit)

Project Significance (100 word limit)

Project Outcomes (100 word limit)

Method and tasks to be completed during summer (200 word limit)

Student Qualifications (200 word limit) - Include courses and other experiences that have prepared you to carry out the proposed research.

Student Transcript - Attach an unofficial transcript
Faculty Component

Project Title:

Faculty name:

Student name:

Faculty Mentor’s Collaborative Research Plans and Activities:

If the mentor and student will be in separate locations for any portion of the summer period, please justify.

Budget and Justification (to be completed by faculty)

Student Stipend (max $4,500)

Additional Research Funds (Not to exceed $1000)
  Research Travel
  Conference Registration and Travel
  Research Supplies

Statement about student preparation and qualifications (150 word limit)

Be sure to address any potential shortcomings, e.g. student class year, low GPA or lack of background coursework.
Student Reference Letter

(Send in separate email to RREED@TRINITY.EDU)