Program Overview
VPUE Faculty Grants for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship are intended to introduce Stanford undergraduates to ways of conducting scholarship in a particular field, and to promote student training in rigorous methods of inquiry, analysis, or creation appropriate to the academic discipline of interest. Grants will support projects that engage students in faculty-designed research, scholarly, and creative projects and that promote the inclusion of students in intellectual communities with a primary emphasis on developing the skills that prepare faculty-mentored students to undertake more independent projects in the future.

In summary, students supported by this funding will develop their capacities as researchers, humanists, or artists through intellectual exploration, engagement with faculty, and immersion in a scholarly community.

The proposal submission deadlines for the 2015-2016 Academic Year (including Summer 2016) are October 31st, 2015, and February 15th, 2016.

Funding offered through this deadline will be available retroactively to support activities beginning September 1st, 2015; funding must be used by August 31st, 2016.

Eligibility
Applicants must be Academic Council or Med Center Line faculty. Additional mentoring may be provided by other faculty, academic staff, artists-in-residence, post-doctoral scholars, or advanced graduate students as appropriate. When more than two faculty members from a single department are applying for Faculty Grants, we prefer that a single application for a VPUE Departmental Grant for Undergraduate Research be submitted instead. More information can be found at http://vpuefacultygrants.stanford.edu.

Funds may only support current Stanford undergraduates. Funds may not support honors thesis research; honors students should apply for UAR Student Grants instead (http://studentgrants.stanford.edu). Funds may not be used for conference attendance; students who are presenting results of their research or creative work may apply for a Conference Travel Grant through the Student Grants Program.

Off-campus project activities must be clearly described in the proposal, and funding is only disbursed after additional requirements on the part of students, mentors, and departmental staff are completed. Projects proposing off-campus activities will be provided with additional information in their grant award notifications. Projects in countries with State Department Travel Warnings cannot be supported.

Selection Criteria
Proposals are reviewed by faculty and academic staff within VPUE, and may also be reviewed by faculty members of the Undergraduate Research Advisory Panel. The program is competitive, and even strong proposals may receive only partial funding. Successful proposals will provide concise evidence of:
- A plan to cultivate strong faculty mentorship
- Intensive student intellectual engagement with faculty mentors’ broader interests
- Student training to develop the skills that enable more independent projects and increased intellectual responsibilities in the future
- A clear plan to create opportunities for student engagement with other undergraduate researchers as well as the department or program’s broader scholarly community
Assessment
Reviewers closely examine the results of the annual VPUE Undergraduate Research Evaluation (a student survey administered by UAR staff). High student response rates and broadly positive or constructive feedback are critical factors in future funding decisions.

Proposal Guidelines
Applicants must complete a brief program application and upload their proposals via the webform found at http://vpuefacultygrants.stanford.edu. Exemplary proposals may be shared with future applicants.

Proposals are not to exceed 2000 words. Proposals must explicitly address:

1. The broader scholarly agenda and disciplinary context for the training project
2. Specific outcomes for past participants (including subsequent publications, theses, presentations, etc., as appropriate). Discuss any student or mentor feedback regarding the past project’s structure, and highlight new processes or initiatives responding to this feedback.
3. Specific student responsibilities, techniques, and deliverables, with clear learning outcomes for each.
4. The name of the student who has been selected, with a description of the fit between the project and this student's educational goals.
5. Mentoring strategies, including guidance for students exploring the broader research agenda, training for described student activities, and faculty feedback to students regarding their analyses and presentations.

In addition to the proposal, you will be asked to provide a budget, categorized as follows:

- Student Stipends (up to $1600 for an academic quarter and/or $6400 for an immersive summer scholarly project)
- Project Materials and Supplies (specific project-related expenses, excluding infrastructure or overhead, limited to $500 per student per year)
- Matching Resources (a brief description of funding and staffing that would complement a VPUE award in furtherance of the student’s project participation)

Proposals that are not submitted through the web form at http://vpuefacultygrants.stanford.edu, or that are not organized as described above will be returned for immediate revision.

Program Administration
VPUE Faculty Grants to Develop Undergraduate Research and Scholarship are administered by the office of Undergraduate Advising and Research (UAR).

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