



First-Year Summer Research Project Application Guidelines

Award: Students may request up to \$1,000 to cover the costs of conducting research. In addition, students who are on financial aid may have all or part of their expected summer leave term earning replaced so that financial obligations will not prevent them from participating in research projects. Project funds may not be used for room and board. Project funds may be used for travel.

Description: The First-Year Summer Research Project gives students an opportunity to pursue independent research in the summer following their first year of study, under the supervision of a Dartmouth faculty member. Since the summer of 1992, approximately ten students a year pursue research in Hanover, at home or abroad. The Project's purpose is to introduce students to the pleasure of creative scholarship and the satisfaction of collaborating with Dartmouth's faculty. A student may research a topic related to an intended major, or pursue an interest in an entirely unrelated field of study.

Requirements:

- Research must take place the summer following three terms of first-year residency.
- Funding is intended for Dartmouth students, therefore students must be enrolled for at least one term following the research.
- Two copies of a final report (format to be determined by faculty supervisor) must be submitted to the First-Year Office within the first three weeks of the fall term.
- A financial report and all receipts must be submitted to the First-Year Office following the project. Any funds remaining must be returned. Please note that students cannot be reimbursed for costs exceeding the awarded amount.
- Students enrolled in the fall term are expected to participate in a poster session and research symposium to present the results of their research.
- Changes to a project's scope or topic must be pre-approved by the Dean of First-Year Students.

Grants Are Awarded on the Basis Of:

- The feasibility of completing the proposed project within one term;
- Clarity of project goals and methodology;
- Evidence of commitment from the faculty sponsor to actively support the project;
- Academic background and/or experiences of the student which demonstrate that s/he will be able to successfully complete the project.

Application Deadline: Complete applications and letters of reference are due to the First-Year Office by the last day of the winter term. Applications must be **received** by the deadline in the First-Year Office, Hinman Box 6007, 6 Parkhurst Hall, Hanover, NH 03755. Our fax number is (603) 646-0027.