



First-Year Summer Research Project Application Guidelines

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 have pursued 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.

Award: The First-Year Summer Research Project will award selected students a stipend of \$500 to \$1,500 to cover the costs of conducting research.

Students who receive Dartmouth financial aid should note that the college now provides additional scholarship assistance so they may use one of their leave terms for research or an internship (or to do community service, other volunteer activities, travel, or study for graduate school entrance exams). Students can use the "free" leave term benefit at any point during their college career, however, leave-term earnings will still be part of a student's expected contribution during their first three years at Dartmouth. The "free" leave term benefit is automatically reflected in the financial aid award for senior year. Students who opt to work during all their leave terms are free to do so. There will still be no leave term earnings contribution expected in the senior year award. Please blitz or call (603-646-2451) the Financial Aid Office with questions.

Students who receive Dartmouth scholarship assistance are also eligible to apply for assistance from the "Fund for Eliminating Financial Barriers." The fund provides one-time grants to enable eligible students to pursue educational opportunities that would be otherwise unavailable. In the past, students have received funding to replace leave-term earnings so they could participate in educationally significant opportunities like research and internships (also to cover costs such as travel home due to family emergency or fees for physical education and enrichment courses on campus). Interested students should blitz or call (603-646-2451) the Financial Aid Office during winter term to find out how to apply for summer term funding.

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 with faculty supervisor) must be submitted to the First-Year Office within the first three weeks of the fall term.
- Students enrolled in the fall term after their project has been completed will participate in a poster session to present their research findings.
- Changes to a project's scope or topic must be pre-approved by the Dean of First-Year Students.

Funding Stipends Will Be Awarded on the Basis Of:

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

Application Deadline:

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