Call for Proposals
Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program
Site Grant 2011-12

The Old Dominion Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) is soliciting faculty to develop a URAP site for their respective departments or colleges. Proposals designed to expand current undergraduate research programs in departments or colleges, or establish new programs are welcome.

URAP sites are intended to facilitate mentored research experiences for undergraduates within a well-defined, common focus that enables a cohort experience for students. These projects may be based in a single discipline or academic department, or on interdisciplinary or multidepartment research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme. The focus of this funding program is to fund proposals that:

- expand the availability of mentored research experiences for undergraduate students
- provide the potential for the students to become significantly involved in ongoing research programs
- and allow students to develop original collaborative research projects with faculty members.

Programs offering students research involvement that can lead to coauthored publications, presentations at professional meetings, or exhibitions/performances resulting from creative scholarship will be most competitive for these funds. Proposals should provide intended student learning outcomes, plans for assessment of student success, and plans for seeking funding to continue the program after the URAP seed funding period.

We anticipate making one award for the 2011-12 academic year, with the possibility of two years continued funding for the selected program. Funding is limited to $22,000 per year. All funds requested for the 2011-2012 award must be used by the end of the fiscal year in June, 2012.

Some examples of the intended use for the funds may include:

- Providing stipends to recruit top students into the undergraduate research apprentice program
- Providing funding for equipment and materials necessary for expanding undergraduate research opportunities
- Providing stipends for on-campus lodging during summer research programs
- Providing funding to include undergraduate researchers in field work

Deadline for Submission: November 2, 2011
Announcement of Award(s): January 20, 2012

10 copies of the proposal need to be sent to:

Please email electronic proposals (in .docx, .doc, .rtf, or .pdf format) to Ivan Ash at iash@odu.edu. Email from @odu.edu account with subject line “URAP site grant” to assure delivery

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Proposals will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Research Committee.
Proposals should include the following:

--Summary (one page)

1) Brief abstract summarizing URAP site activities including objectives, students to be accepted and intended impact

2) List of host college(s) and department(s)

3) Names of additional participating institution’s/organization’s

4) List of academic majors/programs that will be eligible for the program

5) Number of students to be involved

6) Contact information for author(s) of proposal

--Proposal (no more than ten single-spaced pages)

1) Overview of proposed undergraduate research apprenticeship program

2) Description of the nature of student activities and involvement

3) Description of the educational and professional development outcomes for participating students

4) Plan for student recruitment and selection

5) Plan for assessment and reporting of student educational and professional development outcomes

6) Plan for continuation of program after the seed funding period

7) Project Budget

8) Letters of Support from Dean(s) of Host College(s)

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