

Winthrop University Environmental Sciences & Environmental Studies

Margaret E. Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship Application

Overview

The Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies program is pleased to announce the availability of the Margaret E. Spencer Undergraduate Fellowship. This award is designed for rising juniors or seniors to conduct substantive summer projects (research, service, internship, or similar) that will help them become experts in their subject areas or gain experience working in an environmental field. These awards are available only to both Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies majors, so long as they are conducting a project in conjunction with a faculty member on an environmentally-relevant topic.

Funding

- Up to \$3000 summer stipend
- Up to \$500 may be included for supplies (provide a budget and justification)
- On campus housing may be available for students conducting research projects

Restrictions

- These awards are designed to fund substantive summer experiences that involve full-time or close to full-time commitment over an approximately 8 week period, or equivalent.
- Students must have a faculty sponsor for projects.
- Students must enroll in classes at Winthrop for the fall semester following the award.

Obligations following project completion

- Students must participate in some form of public presentation of their project and results, such as giving an oral presentations, poster session, etc. Details to be developed in consultation with the project faculty mentor.
- Students must submit a 300-500 word written abstract/summary of their project and results.
- Students will be required to speak to students in ENV5 220 – Environmental Career Exploration in fall semester following summer research.

Application Due Date: Friday March 3rd, 2016

Application Process:

Once you have secured a faculty mentor and thoroughly discussed the project, complete the project cover sheet (fillable pdf) that includes...

- your name and contact information
- your faculty mentor's name and contact information,
- the title of your planned project,
- the length of the project (number of weeks) and estimated number of hours per week that you expect to work this summer, and
- hand-written signatures from you and your faculty mentor

In a separate file, please

- describe, in fewer than 500 words, the question, hypothesis, problem, or issue; the methods; and potential implications of your planned project
- describe, in fewer than 300 words, the courses, research, or other experiences you have completed that prepared you for this experience
- describe, in fewer than 300 words, how you believe this experience will benefit you academically and professionally, and
- provide a detailed budget and budget justification for your project. Include ALL funding sources and, if appropriate, when the funding decisions will be made.

Please be aware that Margaret E. Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship funds are secondary to all other funding sources.

Provide all of the above material as a single PDF with the following file name (SpencerUF_Application_LastName_FirstName.pdf) to Claire Weikle (weikle@winthrop.edu)

In addition, have one letter of support from your faculty mentor sent to weikle@winthrop.edu by the deadline.

A selection committee will review applications shortly after the deadline. Applicants will be notified via email no later than Friday, March 24, 2017.