

Application for the Timothy A. Birch Student Summer Research Grant

Purpose

The purpose of the Timothy A. Birch Student Summer Research Grant is to encourage students from underrepresented populations (e.g., students who identify with underrepresented racial, gender, sexual, religious, or ability groups) to engage in scholarship, research, or creative activity which furthers their academic interests and results in publication, performance or exhibition. Students will follow the guidelines and requirements for the Dean of Academic Life Summer Research Grant Application. You should apply for the Dean's Grant online and also check the box stating you want to apply for the Birch Grant.

Award

We will be awarding one grant per summer. The grant is for a \$3,000 stipend for eight weeks of research, paid to the student through the regular College payroll process. The student receiving this award will receive free shared housing in the dorm for eight weeks. A room deposit is required. The student also earns one course unit of academic credit (tuition free) as an independent study. If the award is for a less than eight-week project, then the stipend, housing, and course credit are adjusted accordingly. We are planning to run the program on-campus in 2021 but plans may have to be adjusted due to concerns related to COVID-19. Students should consider how their research plans could be completed remotely if housing is not available or in person lab experiences are not an option due to COVID-19. If the College moves to remote learning during Summer 2021 and you cannot conduct your research off-campus, your award will be rescinded.

How to Apply

Complete the online grant application found online for the <https://form.jotform.com/210035978458059> by 4 p.m. on Monday, February 22nd, 2021. Please start your online application early to ensure time for your faculty sponsor to complete it, before the deadline. The form will be forwarded to your faculty sponsor and then to Lori Flatto, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Academic Life. Ms. Flatto will add a copy of your transcript to your application. The winner of the grant will be chosen by the Provost and will be notified in March.