

2020 Research Funding Announcement

W.H.R. Rivers Undergraduate Research Awards

The Medicine and Society Program at Washington University provides a limited amount of funding to support undergraduate student research in medical social science, public health, and related disciplines. Named after the pioneering researcher and scholar in medical anthropology, the W.H.R. Rivers Awards are designed to help undergraduate students conduct meaningful research projects in the social science of health. **The awards are designed for current junior or senior undergraduate students intending to complete a Senior Honors Thesis or Capstone project in a social science discipline during the 2020-2021 academic year.**

Three different types of Rivers Awards are available:

- 1) **Rivers Summer Award** – these awards support student research projects which are conducted over an 8-12 week period during the summer, and which require a higher level of funding due to travel or other significant research expenses. Students who receive a Rivers Summer Award are expected to complete a **Senior Honors Thesis** in a social science discipline based on their research activities. Maximum award \$2,500.
- 2) **Rivers Honors Award** – these awards support student research projects which may be conducted anytime during the summer or academic school year. Students who receive a Rivers Honors Award are expected to complete a **Senior Honors Thesis** in a social science discipline based on their research activities. Maximum award \$500.
- 3) **Rivers Capstone Award** - these awards support student research projects which may be conducted anytime during the summer or academic school year. Students who receive a Rivers Capstone Award are expected to complete a **Capstone project** in a social science discipline based on their research activities. Maximum award \$200.

Grant funds may be used to cover project expenses, travel costs, summer living expenses, or other legitimate costs. Recipients will be expected to present their research findings at an undergraduate research symposium in 2020-2021. Please note: for research activities involving human subjects, nominees must obtain approval from the University's Human Research Protection Office (<http://hrpohome.wustl.edu/>) before funds can be awarded. **Applicants should outline a clear plan to obtain HRPO approval before embarking upon the research project.** All awards are considered taxable income to students.

Application procedure: A complete application consists of the following items:

- (1) **Research proposal:** Students should submit a brief (one-page) description of the research idea, location in which the research will be conducted, research methods, plan for human subjects approval (if necessary), and data analysis approach.
- (2) **Budget:** This is a detailed outline how the funds will be spent to meet the goals and objectives of the research project.
- (3) **Mentor:** Students must identify a faculty member who has agreed to supervise the research project and serve as the faculty point person for IRB submission (if necessary). Email or written approval from the faculty mentor must be included with the application.

Application Deadline: Applications for 2020 Summer Awards are due on **March 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm**. Applications for Honors and Capstone Awards will be accepted on a rolling basis. Send all application materials (electronic submissions preferred) to Alyse Kuhlman, Dept. of Anthropology, Campus Box 1114 (e-mail: akuhlman@wustl.edu).