

## Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship - Abroad

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is sponsoring a competitive Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship for undergraduate students at UI who will be conducting research abroad. This initiative provides students with funds designed to subsidize travel and housing costs associated with the research.

### *Eligibility Requirements:*

- Students must be current UI undergraduate students at the time the research will be conducted, and be in good academic standing. GPA will be considered during the selection process.
- Funding is provided for students who are either pursuing their own research projects or working on a faculty-led project.
- The research must be conducted at a location outside of the United States and in conjunction with a university or research institute in that location.

### *Additional Requirements:*

- A letter of support must be provided by the supervising UI faculty member. The letter need not be long, but should contain the following elements:
  - The title of the project and a brief description of the activities the student will engage in, the projected length of the project effort (i.e., 4 weeks, 5-6 weeks, etc), and the hoped-for outcomes.
  - The name of the co-supervising individual(s) at the host institution, title(s), core expertise, and the current state of the collaboration (e.g., new, growing as of the last year, long-standing with several personnel exchanged, etc.) The idea of this description is simply to ensure that the applicant will enter a hospitable academic environment that is conducive to the proposed research, and wherein both the UI supervisor and the host co-supervisor have truly connected.
  - An explicit statement that the host co-supervisor has agreed to supervise the student on this particular.
- If students use of the fruits of their work in a presentation at a conference or campus event, there must be an acknowledgement of OUR for its support on the poster or in the paper.
- Students must provide a 3-5 page summary of their research, suitable for website posting, to OUR following the completion of the project. The final report submitted to the UIUC faculty supervisor may suffice for this purpose, but only if the prose is intelligible for a non-specialist audience.
- Students must indicate any other sources of funds either applied for or received, including department support or support from the UI supervisor or host co-supervisor. ***Failure to disclose additional support from another source will result in a denial of the request or the revocation of the award.***
- Students who receive awards must enroll in an appropriate UI course. Many departments, schools and colleges offer courses with the title “Undergraduate Research Abroad.” If such an option is available, students should enroll in that course for the

credit hours agreed upon between the student and the supervising UI faculty member. If such a course is not available, the student should consult with the advisor about which UI course number to use.

*Funding Restrictions:*

- Funding will normally be given directly to the student as a lump sum. Alternatively, arrangements can be made for the Undergraduate Research Office to reimburse expenses for travel.

*Application:*

- To apply, go to: <http://go.illinois.edu/surfabroad2015>
- The deadline for applications is 30 January 2015, with winners notified by 13 February 2015.

Students are encouraged to consult their college or department advisors and individual faculty members for information about research abroad opportunities. OUR does not maintain a list of such opportunities.