

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SPRING 2022 HONORS THESIS RESEARCH AWARDS

Dear colleagues,

Spring 2022 Senior Honors Thesis Research Award applications are now available.

There will be two rounds of awards for those students who will be seniors in the 2022-2023 school year. Students may only apply for one round of awards. The first round (the deadline for which is Monday, February 28 at 4:00 pm) will support students from those programs which begin the honors research experience in the spring term of the student's junior year and other students whose projects are sufficiently well-planned that they could begin work over the summer. A second round of awards will be made mid-way through the fall term next year. I will reserve part of the funds for especially worthy projects for which funding needs arise in between the two regular application periods. You should call these cases to my attention as they come to yours.

Funds from the Senior Honors Thesis Research Awards program may be used to support any legitimate cost directly connected to the undertaking of the honors project: laboratory equipment or supplies, computer software or time, costs related to field research, artistic supplies or equipment, books, or periodicals not available through normal library sources, illustrations and duplication—among others. Due to university travel restrictions, only domestic travel requests (and international travel requests that have received approval via the <u>formal exception process</u>) will be considered, and only where such travel is essential to the project and only for the actual cost of transportation. Except in unusual circumstances, individual awards will not exceed \$500.

Your help is crucial to the successful operation of the program. Would you please:

- 1. Make your honors students (or prospective honors students) aware of the existence of the program and distribute the application form and recommendation form to interested students. All applicants must be eligible to participate in departmental honors AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. PLEASE DO NOT SEND FORWARD ANY APPLICATION FROM A STUDENT WITH AN OVERALL GPA OF LESS THAN 3.300.
- 2. Establish a departmental deadline for the completed applications AND thesis advisor recommendation to be returned to you.
- 3. If there are two or more applications from your department, rank order them in terms of overall merit and indicate your ranking in the space provided on the application form (page 1).
- 4. RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO JASON CLEMMONS (jason@unc.edu) NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, 4:00 PM.

Award decisions will be announced in March.

Thanks for your help.

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