

Undergraduate Student Research Initiative

A component of the CEHD Strategic Plan focuses on creating a climate that fosters and supports development of students through research and instruction. This research program is designed to help you in your research productivity and involve more undergraduates in the research life of the university.

The CEHD will provide matching funds for undergraduate students working on CEHD faculty members' ongoing research program. In addition, the faculty member will provide mentorship and guidance to undergraduate students on the research process.

The fundamental objective of the USRI is to give students an opportunity to learn to conduct research. Undergraduate student participants will learn about scientific reasoning, research methods, theoretical principles, and scientific communication.

Award

Through a competitive application process, selected faculty will be granted funds for one undergraduate student research mentee for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

Through this award faculty will be able to hire a student worker and the Dean's Office will provide 75% of the salary and the applicant will identify a source of funds within their department to be used as matching. For Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 it will cost approximately \$3,100* with the Dean's Office covering \$2,235 of this expense and the department covering the remaining \$775. Twelve faculty can be awarded through this program.

**These figures are based on paying a student employee \$10 per hour for 10 hours per week.*

Requirements

Faculty applying for this program must:

- hire a TAMU undergraduate student (can be inside or outside CEHD) and pay the student \$10/hr to work 10 hours per week for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.
- have an identified research project and planned research activities.
- provide learning objectives for undergraduate students.
- have a mentorship plan with a mentorship meeting at least once a week integrated into the mentorship plan.
- complete an online evaluation report to the CEHD Research Office by **May 15, 2017**.
- have undergraduate research mentee complete an online evaluation report to CEHD Research Office by **May 15, 2017**.

Review Criteria

Award decisions will be based on the following criteria:

- quality of planned research activities to the undergraduate student's learning objectives
- quality of mentoring plan