

## Siena Summer Scholars Program 2012

The *Siena Summer Scholars Program* promotes inquiry and creativity by supporting scholarly activity in which faculty members and students collaborate during the summer. Student participation in scholarly activities fosters exploration and discovery by providing opportunities to design and carry out original research including evaluation, analysis, and synthesis of information or participation in a creative activity.

Each proposal shall include:

- A title and abstract for the project
- A statement describing the proposed research or creative activity
- A work plan or activity timeline
- A description of student participation, expected learning outcomes, and ways in which results will be measured
- A description of how the results of the activity will be disseminated (e.g., presentation by students and faculty at professional conferences, or publication in a journal or conference proceedings, exhibition, Academic Celebration Day, etc.)
- A description of the efforts that will be made to leverage this work to seek external funds and continue/expand this work (if this is appropriate).
- A budget statement indicating the funds requested and how this money will be used.

Students will receive payment in the form of a stipend as a research or project assistant. The stipend is taxable to the extent described by the IRS. A typical project's duration is 6-10 weeks but shorter projects will be given consideration. A possible budget statement might, for example, request \$1000 for the faculty member and \$3150 for a student working 35 hr/week for a 10-week project at an hourly rate of \$9.00 for a total of \$4150. Another proposal might request \$500 for the faculty member's time and \$1090 for a student for working 20 hr/week for 6 weeks at a hourly rate of \$9.00. Other possibilities include funding for travel for the faculty member and students to present their findings at a conference or to purchase materials.

- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO DEAN: March 9, 2012**
- **NOTIFICATION OF AWARD: March 30, 2012**

- **STUDENT BANNER REGISTRATION:**            **April 2012**

- **NOTIFICATION TO BUSINESS AFFAIRS:** **April 20, 2012**

***NOTES:***

- Maximum stipend per faculty member = \$1000; faculty receiving funds must be returning as a full-time faculty member in **Fall 2012**.
- Maximum stipend per student = **\$3150 for 10 weeks**; Students must be returning full or part-time students in good academic standing for **Fall 2012**.  
  
Students must work 35 hr/week to live in campus housing and are responsible for the cost of housing and board.
- The student stipends are taxable.
- The faculty member must submit by **September 14, 2012** a report on what was accomplished with the funds. The College is understandably interested in the impact these funded activities have on our students. We compile information on the students and faculty who have been, and will be, involved. In the final report, it is worth noting how involvement in the *Summer Scholars Program* may have affected their career / education plans.
- Applications from faculty who received support during Summer Session 2011 will be considered but may have lower priority.
- The three Academic Deans and the VPAA will make final selection of funded applications.
- Alfredo Medina, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Government and Foundation Relations), is available for consultation regarding external funding possibilities.