



## Research Fellowships - \$1500

### Term Dates

**1 (School year):** Oct. 1, 2017 to Apr. 30, 2018 / **2 (Summer):** May 1, 2018 to Aug. 30, 2018

### Application Instructions

**Step 1:** Applicants must provide contact information for themselves and for their CURL Faculty Associate/mentor. If you wish to apply and you have not yet been matched with a mentor, please fill out **Join CURL form**.

**Step 2:** Applicants must provide a *maximum 500-word description of the project they wish to fund*. You must answer the following:

- Your background or interest in the project
- What you hope to learn from undertaking the project
- How you would like to share your findings with Huron at the end of the year (e.g: multimedia presentation, large poster, video interviews)

Try to be descriptive! If you have extra room, tell us who you think this project might help or what ground you might be breaking. Will it be collaborative? Independent? Have you already drummed up some interest?

Any discipline is welcome, but we prioritize cross-disciplinary projects (e.g: taking leadership in an event that focuses on historical representations of black women in film combines History, Women's Studies, and Film Studies.)

**Step 3:** Applicants must provide an estimated budget for the project they wish to pursue. Where costs are unknown, try to provide a reasonable estimate. The budget does not have to be exactly \$1500: CURL may be only one of your funding sources for a project you expect to cost \$3000, or you may be leaving room for unexpected costs in a project you expect to cost \$1000. The



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fellowship can be used in a variety of ways. For example:

- Travel (e.g: Greyhound to a necessary particular museum in Toronto)
- Conference registration fees
- Material purchases (e.g: posters to advertise a workshop, subscription to Adobe Suite to make posters)

## Awards Policy

### General

1. All Huron Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FASS) students currently registered in a program at Huron are eligible to apply for a CURL Student Research Fellowship Award.
2. Students who have previously held a CURL Student Fellowship Award are not eligible to apply for a second Fellowship Award.
3. All applications must be supported by a CURL Faculty Associate who will serve as the official Faculty Mentor for the research project. This Faculty Mentor must be a current CURL Faculty Associate, and the Faculty Mentor must complete the Faculty Statement component of the application (see item #8b). Other faculty members may collaborate on the research, but at least one **MUST** be a member of CURL at Huron.
4. Members of the CURL Steering Committee may **NOT** apply or serve as Faculty Mentors to a Student Fellowship application.
5. There are two funding periods: Summer Awards- May 1 to August 30 (application due date March 15) and Fall/Winter Awards- October 1 to April 30 (application due date September 15).
6. Each Fellowship Award is worth \$1500.
7. All completed applications received by the due date will be ranked by the CURL Awards Committee. The rubric for assessment of applications may be found in the Appendix.
8. Each application for a CURL Student Research Fellowship Award includes two parts: 1) Student Application, and 2) Faculty Mentor Statement.
  - a. The Student Application component is intended to provide the Awards Committee with a brief summary of the proposed research project, its significance, and a brief description of the methodology to be used.
  - b. The Faculty Mentor Statement is intended to provide the Awards Committee with a sense of the viability of the proposed research project and the nature of the student's role in the project.



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9. CURL Fellowship Awards may only be awarded to research proposals that are extra-curricular in nature. In other words, the award may NOT fund projects that are part of course assignments, or are conducted in order to obtain course credit. However, the research project idea may originate from a course project. Please direct any queries regarding the acceptability of the proposal to [curl@uwo.ca](mailto:curl@uwo.ca).
10. The terms of the CURL Student Fellowship Award are as follows:
  - a. CURL Student Fellowship Award winners will be asked to present research findings at the year-end CURL Research Showcase (held annually at Huron at the start of April).
  - b. CURL Student Fellowship Award winners will be asked to periodically update the CURL Steering Committee on the status of your research project, and provide some content for the CURL website regarding the on-going research project.
  - c. CURL Student Fellowship Award winners will be asked to complete a report of the final research project, which must include a description of the research outcomes and a written reflection of the research learning experience. This report will be submitted to the CURL Awards Committee by the end of the tenure of the award (i.e., April 30 or August 30, respectively).



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## APPENDIX

### CURL Student Fellowship Assessment Rubric

**Student Fellowship Applicant Name:**

**Fellowship Faculty Mentor Name:**

**Project Title:**

Using the rubric below, rate the complete application (using the faculty mentor component as a support to the student application) on three dimensions.

<b>Dimensions</b> (description of Dimensions are attached below)	<b>Unacceptable</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
1. Summary/Identification and Articulation of the Problem (What)				
2. Significance (Why)				
3. Research Design and Methodology (How)				

Other Comments:

Final Assessment:

**Not Acceptable**

**Borderline**

**Acceptable**



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### 1. Summary/Identification and Articulation of the Problem (What)

*Unacceptable* - Presentation fails to adequately describe research objectives and provide relevance to existing bodies of knowledge; rationale for research objectives is absent or weak

*Acceptable* – research objectives are presented; flaws in scope of research may be present; relevance to existing knowledge is described and an acceptable rationale for research objectives is presented

*Very Good* - research objectives are clearly and succinctly presented; aims are appropriate in scope; a rationale for the research objectives is presented

*Outstanding* - research objectives are structured to provide a logical framework to address the problem providing evidence of a thorough analysis of the existing bodies of knowledge; a compelling rationale for the research objectives is presented

### 2. Significance (Why)

*Unacceptable* - The project only addresses an issue or an epiphenomenon that has very limited translational value and only produces some incremental information relative to the research review presented

*Acceptable* – The project addresses an important issue and has the possibility to fill existing knowledge gap in a particular field.

*Very Good* - The project addresses an important issue with high translational potential; The findings from the proposed studies are expected to fill the existing knowledge, technical, or practice gap.

*Outstanding* - The project addresses an important issue with high translational potential; The findings from the proposed studies are expected to fill the existing knowledge, technical, or practice gap and have a high probability of changing the existing paradigms.

### 3. Research Design and Methodology (How)

*Unacceptable* - Confused presentation of information and evidence in support of proposal / presentation

*Acceptable* – Organization of evidence and analysis is generally clear but may contain flaws

*Very Good* - Organization of evidence and analysis reflects clear relationships of information supporting proposal / presentation; clear multi/interdisciplinary connections

*Outstanding* – Organization of evidence and analysis is exceptionally clear in showing relationships of information supporting proposal / presentation including an indication of the relative importance of components of the evidence presented; critical assessment of existing information is evident; demonstrates significant multi/interdisciplinary connections