

**SRPD Summer Scholar Funding Application****Project Proposal Requirements****Summer Scholar Program Overview:**

The SRPD Summer Scholars program is intended for undergraduate and graduate students who are further along in their academic paths and who have some relevant experience, as this program funds students completing independent projects, with the guidance and support of mentors.

- The SRPD Summer Scholars program funds independent student research and other scholarly or creative projects that will enhance the student applicant's academic/career development and make some contribution to their chosen field of study.
- Students may apply for stipends up to \$3,000 to conduct their own original research or creative project for 160–200 hours at a rate of \$15 per hour, in addition to requesting funding for equipment, supplies, and software.
- Students may work up to 20 hours per week.
- Students need a minimum of one WNMU mentor with relevant expertise.

**Guidelines for SRPD Summer Scholar Proposals**

Submit a 2-4 page written proposal for your project, making sure you include the following. Your project proposal is the core of your grant application and should be written clearly and concisely for an audience of both specialists and non-specialists.

- Open with a 1-2 sentence statement of your objective. What do you hope to learn by conducting this research? By carefully articulating specific goals, you show reviewers that you can complete this project independently and that your final product will exhibit real depth and sophistication.
- Give a concise outline of specific courses and other experiences that directly shaped your approach to your topic and are foundational to your project's success. If your project involves human subjects, you must have IRB approval prior to approval.
- Provide a detailed methodology that will enable you to achieve your project goals. What texts, observations, datasets/surveys/interviews or other source materials will you need to answer your question? What analytical framework will you use to understand or interpret these sources?



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- Provide a clear and detailed logistical plan, including your timeline and milestones for progress.
- If you require additional funding for travel and/or supplies/expenses, please include relevant information:
  - Supplies/equipment: 1-2 Paragraph description of request
    - Identify supplies/equipment that are already provided by the University/department
    - Justify the need and benefit of requested supplies/equipment. Are there alternatives that would achieve the same goals at a reduced cost?
    - Explain how all supplies/equipment be used and will contribute to project milestones/goals?
  - Travel: 1 Paragraph justification of necessary travel for the project, conference description (if relevant), and outline of proposed travel schedule.

Close with a brief paragraph outlining the relevance of this project to you personally:

- How will this experience enhance what you have learned so far in your academic career?
- What do you hope to learn that will be helpful in your professional development and your academic, personal, and/or professional advancement?