

CNU Summer Scholars Program

The Christopher Newport University's Summer Scholars Program (CSSP) is an eight (8) week, in-residence, summer program for students and faculty to collaboratively work on a faculty-derived research question. The program will run June 6th – August 5th, 2016, coinciding with the Summer I and Summer II academic terms. Program participants (Student Research Fellows, SRF) will work collaboratively with a CNU faculty member and be a part of a summer community of scholars. The goals of the program are to develop enhanced research and communication skills, provide opportunities to become better acquainted with Tribble Library's scholarly resources, and expand inquiry and problem-solving capabilities.

A stipend (\$3200) will be awarded to all student participants who meet all the attendance and research requirements of CSSP. In addition, all students will receive a housing allowance for the length of the summer program. Additional information can be found at <http://www.cnu.edu/research/>.

Eligibility:

Current CNU freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors with an anticipated graduation date of December of 2016 or later are eligible to apply for this program. During the length of the program, student research fellows will be expected to work 40 hours a week and will not be able to work elsewhere at CNU.

Application:

Applications must contain a completed application form and table of contents. The form can be found <http://www.cnu.edu/research/summerscholars>. All completed applications must include the following information:

1. **Application Form**
2. **Executive Summary (Abstract):** A brief summary of proposed project that includes purpose of study, statement of research question or inspiration for creative project, methodology, expected results/findings, and potential implications and/or application of proposed work. Summaries should be written in a manner accessible to the general community, as accepted proposals may be published on our website.
3. **Full Proposal:** The full proposal should include the following items:
 - A. An introduction to the project's purpose, including disciplinary context (literature review). The research question or creative inspiration must be explicitly stated and developed, and its significance should be clearly explained.
 - B. Work proposed (methodology)
 - C. Projected timetable for the proposed work and its dissemination
 - D. The Impact of work and its intended audience
 - E. Expected products (e.g. presentations, papers, art shows, performances, etc.) and how the student will participate in dissemination of the product(s).
4. **Bibliography/References**

5. **Unofficial Transcript**
6. **Letter of Support from Faculty Research Collaborator:** In addition to addressing the capabilities of the student, this letter should address the level of involvement of both the faculty member and student in the writing of the proposal. Letters should be submitted directly to the program director, Jeffrey Carney (jeffrey.carney@cnu.edu).

Completed applications must be submitted via email, as a PDF, to the program director, Dr. Jeffrey Carney (jeffrey.carney@cnu.edu), no later than 5 pm (EST) on February 8th, 2016.

Questions should be addressed to Dr. Jeffrey Carney (jeffrey.carney@cnu.edu), Program Director.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated by several reviewers across academic disciplines, therefore, please refrain from using discipline-specific jargon. We anticipate funding 32 proposals for Summer 2016. The proposals will be rated on the following criteria:

- Is the research project proposal clear, cohesive, and well-written?
- To what extent does the proposed work have a clear and specific research question or inspiration?
- Does the student-faculty collaborative team make a compelling argument for the impact of their research or creative outcome?
- To what extent is the outlined approach feasible?
- Ability of student to work collaboratively with faculty member to complete proposed project.