

Lilly Student Research Assistantship Award

Background: The Lilly Endowment, Inc. awarded Indiana Wesleyan University funds to assist with enhancing scholarship among promising faculty and students. As part of this effort “to recruit and retain intellectual capital,” The Endowment funded six new scholarship initiatives at IWU. One of these, The Student Research Initiative, provides \$800 stipends for ten undergraduate and five graduate students annually. Recipients of this award will receive funding and mentoring assistance while working with a faculty member. This Initiative will simultaneously assist IWU professors in a wide array of scholarship areas.

Goals:

- To facilitate the learning of promising students
- To facilitate the building of portfolios for students
- To assist faculty in their desire to mentor students in research areas
- To retain more honors students at IWU
- To become more attractive to potential honors students during their selection of college and graduate programs

Criteria:

- 1) All applicants must be full time students. Undergraduates must have a cumulative g.p.a. of honors standing: 3.4 for undergraduates and graduate students (with less than ten graduate hours); 3.5 for graduate students with more than ten graduate hours.
- 2) Each applicant needs a sponsoring full-time faculty member from one of the three colleges. This professor will agree to collaborate with the student in an approved research initiative. While multiple students may apply under one sponsoring professor, awards will be offered for up to two students except in unusual circumstances.
- 3) The research initiative needs to have a plan for public dissemination of findings. This award is intended to assist in research that leads to scholarship. Student scholarship outcomes are a primary objective and are weighted heavily in the scoring algorithm.
- 4) The research initiative needs measurable outcomes outlined on the application (p. 2).
- 5) A demonstration of scholarship; affix a paper or result of former research to the application.
- 6) The CAS applicant needs to commit to present at IWU’s *Celebration of Scholarship* (April).

Submission Deadline: Feb. 15 for funding beginning July 1.

Send the Following Application to:

Dr. Tim Steenbergh, Coordinator of Student Research Initiative
Division of Behavioral Sciences
Elder Hall Room 340
Indiana Wesleyan University
4201 S. Washington
Marion, IN 46953

Note: A scanned copy of the application that includes the applicant’s signature and a copy of the required evidence of scholarship can be emailed to tim.steenbergh@indwes.edu. Otherwise, all application materials should be addressed to Dr. Steenbergh and dropped off in the Behavioral Sciences Office, Elder 342.

For an online form, see: www.indwes.edu/scholarship and click “Awards”

Student Applicant: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

Phone Number _____ **Email:** _____ **ID#** _____

Level of Studies: Undergraduate Graduate

Major(s): _____

Current Number of Credits Completed: ____ **Current G.P.A.** ____

Sponsoring Professor: _____

(This professor will also need to assist with answering the following prompts)

Topic of Research: _____

Research Plan: Include the timeline, method of inquiry, and importance of questions addressed in the project (400-word maximum).

Detailed Timeline: In the table below, please provide a detailed timeline that includes dates and steps necessary for project completion.

Date	Activity

Method of Inquiry:

Importance of Question/s:

Your Decision To Pursue This Project: Why are you interesting in pursuing this research initiative? (150-word maximum)

Outcomes of Research: At the end of the stated time of your research project, which must be before the *Celebration of Scholarship* in April, what will be the tangible and likely learning outcomes? Tangible outcomes might include data collection and analysis, book review submissions, catalogued germ specimens, etc. Learning outcomes might include developing research skills, learning a new methodology, improving writing skills, understanding a specific topic, etc.

Tangible Outcomes:

- If a CAS applicant, participation in the Celebration of Scholarship

Learning Outcomes:

Public Dissemination of Scholarship: How will you share your research findings with:

Your IWU peers? _____

The scholarly community in general (*likely at conferences or in student or professional publications*)?

An academic discipline area in specific (*likely your academic major's scholarly conferences and publications*)?

Faculty Support (to be completed by the sponsoring faculty member):

How will the proposed project assist you in your scholarly pursuits in this area?

What *specific* types of support/ mentoring will you provide to this student for this project?

Signature of Student Applicant: _____

Signature of Sponsoring Professor: _____

NOTE: Please attach a paper or other research/ scholarship material that provides evidence of prior scholarship activity by the student. Examples of scholarship include previous research papers that were identified as outstanding by a faculty member, projects that required extensive research and planning that was carried out largely by the student, etc.

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