

Innovation Related Summer Scholar Research Guidelines

The Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholar Program permits students to pursue full-time independent research under the close supervision of faculty members for a minimum of ten weeks during the summer. Free from the pressures that often arise with normal course work, summer scholar projects do not involve credit hours or grades, giving students the opportunity to focus entirely on scholarly pursuit. In that sense the Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholar Program offers a unique undergraduate venue in which to experiment with ideas and artistic expression, pursue an intellectual passion, and focus intently on the resolution of a question over a sustained period of time. They study, they reflect, they create, and they write. All the while, they are pushed to the boundaries by faculty mentors whose goal it is to model the scholarly path of point and counterpoint, testing ideas and data, and pushing creative frontiers. In short, Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholars have the real experience of an academic – one that is immensely valuable in its own right, but that can also serve as a testing ground for possible graduate or professional studies.

II. Terms of the Program

- Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors in all disciplines are eligible.
- The research will culminate in a writing or artistic project by the student, to be completed by August 15 and submitted to the provost's office. The project will be reviewed by the faculty supervisor who will write an evaluation of the student's work by mid-September.
- Students will present their work in a Project Presentation in early fall. The presentation may take one of many forms, such as a poster, an exhibition, a video or PowerPoint presentation. Students are also required to write an evaluation of their summer scholar experience.
- Recipients of another major summer scholarship are not eligible. Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholars may not hold jobs during the term of their research. Students may serve on the June Orientation staff if they receive permission from their supervisor, and they may also complete a Denison Internship Program Project prior to the Young Scholar period. However, prospective faculty supervisors should be wary of students trying to pack too much into their summer schedules and not giving the research the attention it warrants. Whatever else the student chooses to do during the summer, all Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholars will devote a full 10 weeks exclusively to their research project.
- Research that requires a substantial amount of time away from campus is not funded by the Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholar Program. However, one to three weeks absence from campus for field or research trips is permissible.
- Faculty need to be present for regular meetings (e.g., at least twice weekly) with the students. This minimum may vary one way or the other over the 10 weeks because of the varying rhythm of the research process. Proposals indicating Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholar supervision from a distance will not be funded.
- Ordinarily students will be in residence at Denison from about mid-May to about mid-July.
- The summer 2010 Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholar Award includes a \$3,300 stipend plus on-campus housing. Students receive five payments, one every two weeks. The federal government taxes both stipend and housing. Students who serve as Resident Assistants in the residence halls will be compensated for that work by the Office of Student Affairs.

III. Guidelines for Student Applications

Please note: there is no application form as such. Your proposal responding to the questions below constitutes your application.

Proposals are due **Monday, February 3, 2010** by 4:30 p.m. in Doane 205 (Provost's Office). Proposals may not exceed six pages and should include:

1. Cover sheet with
 1. Title of the project (limit 18 words)
 2. Name
 3. Faculty supervisor's name
 4. Denison ID Number
 5. Slayter box number
2. origin, background history, and clear description of the project with a statement of major questions/goals/objectives to be explored;
3. a description of how this project is consistent with the Burton D. Morgan Program for Liberal Arts and Entrepreneurship Education mission of cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit through liberal arts educational experiences by encouraging critical thinking about opportunity, promoting the use of imagination in problem-solving, and fostering the ability to break out of established paradigms.
4. work plan, methodology, and schedule of summer work and meetings with faculty supervisor;
5. bibliography, bibliographical resources;
6. letter of evaluation from the faculty supervisor assessing the project and work plan. This letter may be submitted separately, and electronically sent to Cathy Van Sickle at vansicklec@denison.edu. (This letter is not included in the page limit.)

Note: Applications that propose the mere development technical skills will not be accepted. Projects must be idea-driven and clearly represent a liberal arts pursuit.

Research Cells: The Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholar Program accepts group applications from multiple students who are researching a common topic or subject area. Typically a research cell consists of students who collectively study a common topic while individually researching different aspects of that topic. This research venue is rich in opportunities for collaborative study, frequent discussion meetings, and mutual discovery. There are two models for applying for a research cell: 1) Under the close supervision of one or more faculty supervisors, students collaboratively write and submit a single application; 2) under the close supervision of one or more faculty supervisors, each student writes a separate proposal. Students in a research cell receive the same stipend and housing as other Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Scholars.