

**VCU Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship
Summer Fellowship Program
—Prospectus—**

For the Summer of 2009, we have initiated a special program to provide student fellowship and faculty support money for mentored research and creative scholarship experiences.

Successful student applicants will receive a cash stipend of \$3000. The student's faculty mentor will receive an additional \$500 for participation in the fellowship project.

Full time VCU undergraduate Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors in all departments are eligible to apply.

Students who wish to apply to the program must take the following steps:

Engage a faculty mentor with whom you would like to work. Your prospective faculty mentor may be in your home department or from a department other than your major. For information on how to approach faculty mentors, see this URL:

<http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/ugresources/forstudents.htm>

Work out a summer work project and plan with your mentor.

Application requirements will include:

- 1) A maximum 5 single-spaced-page fellowship proposal, detailing: the significance of the work in relation to previous scholarship or creative expression, the specific aims of the work, the methods to be employed, and results expected. The prospective faculty mentor or others may review and comment on the proposal prior to submission, but the conception and writing must be the work of the student applicant.
- 2) A maximum one-page personal statement, expressing the experience and skills you bring to the project, and the importance of the fellowship for your personal development.
- 3) A mentor's signed letter of support for your collaboration with her or him in the project.
- 4) A one-page joint statement of intent with respect to the fellowship, signed by the student applicant and the prospective mentor, describing a general work plan that includes 20 to 40 hours of work per week for 10 weeks during the summer, and a pledge to report as required on progress and results in a timely manner.

Deadline for applications is March 6, 2009.

If you have questions, you may contact by email Dr. Earl Dowdy – eedowdy@vcu.edu