

Attention, Undergraduate Students

Call for Proposals

Robert Mayer Interdisciplinary Research Fellows

Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute

DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 2019

Beginning in the fall of 2013, the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (DCII) began to sponsor up to six undergraduate “**Robert Mayer Interdisciplinary Research Fellows**”. We are now soliciting proposals for 2018-19 fellows.

Students who would like to apply need to have **completed at least 60 credit hours by the end of the spring semester 2019 and be full time students during the AY2019-20**. They need to have a **double major or a major and a minor (s) and at least one of these majors/minors must be in Dedman College**. Students interested in the Mayer Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship should submit a proposal (1-2 pages) that outlines a substantial and significant research project that will combine and integrate the perspectives of their major (s)/minor (s) and hence be interdisciplinary (see further details below). They also need to identify two faculty mentors from different disciplines (presumably the disciplines of their major (s)/minor(s) who are willing to act as supervisors on the project and with whom they will work during the fellowship year. Each faculty mentor will receive a small honorarium for their time working with the student. Mayer Interdisciplinary Fellows will have access to \$2000 to use for research travel (it can be used during the summer of 2019 or any time during the AY2019-20) or for other expenses related to the development and completion of their research project. There will also be funding available for the student to attend an appropriate scholarly conference to present their work and/or to interact with others working in their field (s).

Ideally students will enroll in an independent study in one of their major/minor fields to allow time for them to work on their project. Their activities as a fellow will result in a major research paper the parameters of which will be determined in consultation with the faculty mentors. During the spring semester Robert Mayer Interdisciplinary Research Fellows will be **required to present their work at a Mayer Fellows Seminar to which all fellows, faculty mentors, and other members of the SMU community will be invited**.

Proposals should be submitted to the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (dcinterdisciplinaryinstitute@smu.edu) by **March 30, 2019**. Students who have questions about the preparation of their proposals should contact Dr. Brettell. These application materials are also available online at www.smu.edu/dedman/dcii

Application Instructions and Checklist (note; this material is also available at the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute website: www.smu.edu/dedman/dcii)

Submit your application electronically to dcinterdisciplinaryinstitute@smu.edu

CHECKLIST

The application should include

_____ completed application with student and faculty signatures

_____ Research proposal

This proposal should be a clear, concise description of the proposed research project (2 pages maximum). This proposal should indicate what you will do, how you will do it, with whom you will do it (faculty mentors) and how your project will integrate your major and minor fields of study (remember it must be a project that draws together at least two majors or a major and minor field of study). You should indicate whether or not you will enroll in an independent study to complete the project and if so in what program. You should indicate if this project requires any travel, and if so, to what destinations and for what purpose.

Suggested Sections of the Proposal:

1. Background and Research Question: a paragraph stating your research question or problem and how it brings together more than one discipline of study
2. Methodology: describe the research methods you will use to carry out the research
3. Significance of the research question: to what do you think your project will contribute?
4. Faculty mentors and their roles in the project
5. Bibliography: No more than a page in length outlining key sources. This bibliography does not count in the 2 page maximum

___ An unofficial transcript or Degree Status Report that includes GPA.

___ A resume/curriculum vitae

___ A letter of recommendation (this can be from one of your faculty mentors or from another faculty member who knows you and your abilities.) These may be sent directly to Dr. Lisa Siraganian, Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, c/o Department of English, SMU, 75275-0336 or to dcinterdisciplinaryinstitute@smu.edu

**Robert Mayer Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Fellow Application
(2018-2019)**

Full Name _____

Year (circle one) 2nd (Rising Junior) 3rd (Rising Senior)

Expected Month and Year of Graduation _____

SMU email _____

Phone Number _____

SMU ID Number _____

Major (s) Field (s) of Study _____

Minor Field (s) of Study _____

Project Title: _____

Disciplines that the Project will bring
together: _____

First Advisor _____

Department _____

Email: _____

Second Advisor _____

Department _____

Email: _____

Are you proposing travel? If so, where? _____

Faculty Advisor Endorsement and Student Statement

FACULTY ADVISORS (please initial the following items and sign below)

Faculty Advisor #1

I agree to oversee the work of _____ (insert student's name) during the entirety of the research project during academic year 2015-16 and understand that I will receive a small honorarium for this supervision in the form of a contribution to my research account _____

I have read and support the proposal _____

_____ (Signature)

Faculty Advisor #2

I agree to oversee the work of _____ (insert student's name) during the entirety of the research project during academic year 2013-14 and understand that I will receive a small honorarium for this supervision in the form of a contribution to my research account _____

I have read and support the proposal _____

_____ (Signature)

STUDENT (Please initial the following items and sign below)

I will be a fulltime undergraduate enrolled at SMU during the 2015-2016 academic year

I promise to adhere to all the Robert Mayer Fellow award procedures including submission of my final report (and paper) as well as receipts for any expenditures that are incurred in association with my research and my presentation. _____

I understand that I will be required to participate in a research presentation event during the spring semester _____

If my project involves human and/or animal subjects I will seek advice from my faculty advisor and comply with all the policies of the University's Institutional Review Board

If my project involves travel (including international travel) I will comply with all University policies covering such travel _____

_____ (Signature)