

Undergraduate Research Awards in Nutrition 2016-2017

Overview of Program

We are pleased to announce the establishment of two awards for deserving undergraduate nutrition students to gain research experience under the supervision of a nutrition faculty mentor.

These two awards are **The Haggard Family Annual Undergraduate Research Award in Nutrition and Dietetics** and **The Fred and Charlene Kam Endowed Fund for Research Excellence in Nutrition-Dietetics**.

Recipients of these awards will work with a nutrition faculty mentor on a designated research project. It is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty they wish to work with. Length of project will be worked out between student and faculty mentor. Awards are available for one year, two semesters, one semester, or summer. Areas of research available to nutrition students include diabetes, obesity, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, community nutrition, health disparities, genomics, and functional foods.

Amount of awards will be based on budgetary needs and availability of funds. Research funds can be used for research supplies or equipment, travel for awardee to present their research at conferences/professional meetings, research publications, digital/media/software in support of research, and other needs in support of research activity. For travel, the student must be the presenting author for a poster or oral presentation. Proof of submission and acceptance of the abstract must be provided before travel funds will be authorized for this use.

Highly qualified applicants are encouraged to apply for the University Undergraduate Research Fellowship to provide extra support for their research. The link for this fellowship can be found at <http://auburn.edu/undgres/fellowship.php>

Applications will be reviewed by the undergraduate research award committee. Students will be evaluated on the basis of their entire application package.

Expectations of Student Recipients

Award recipients must attend and participate in all scheduled activities such as laboratory duties, group meetings and journal clubs.

Award recipients must submit an abstract of their research to *This is Research!* early in the spring semester with presentations occurring in April 2017.

Award recipients must acknowledge **The Haggard Family Annual Undergraduate Research Award in Nutrition and Dietetics** and **The Fred and Charlene Kam Endowed Fund for Research Excellence in Nutrition-Dietetics** on any poster or oral presentations and any published journal articles resulting from their work.

Instructions

Students must complete the following to be considered for one of the above awards. Applications can be found at <http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/ndhmresearch/>. Materials to be submitted are the following:

- **Completed application form.**
- **Two letters of recommendation.** Letters must come from faculty familiar with the student's skills and must be on university letterhead. One of the letters can be from faculty sponsor (letter of sponsorship cannot be used as a recommendation letter).
- **Letter of sponsorship from faculty mentor.** Letter must come from the prospective faculty sponsor and will explain his or her willingness to sponsor the student. This letter will provide a brief description of the research activity that will form the basis of the student's research experience. It is essential that the letter of support clearly indicate that the student research activity can reasonably be expected to be completed during the time period given and that the respective roles of the student and faculty mentor are clearly explained. **Each faculty mentor may submit ONLY one letter of sponsorship for any given year.**
- **One copy of student's transcripts (unofficial are acceptable) from Auburn University.**

Deadline: Friday, February 5, 2016 by 4:45 pm. Email application and forward all letters and transcripts to: Dr. Kevin W. Huggins, Chair, Undergraduate Research Award Committee, huggikw@auburn.edu

Questions? Email huggikw@auburn.edu