

The Lemuel Scarbrough, Jr., Summer Research Program in the Humanities and Social Sciences

This fellowship program, created in honor of former Austin College professors Paul Beardsley and Clyde Hall, fosters faculty-sponsored student research in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Student fellows immerse themselves in a research project of interest and devote 10 weeks of undivided time in the summer to the academic venture, with extensive faculty guidance in the developmental phase. The Scarbrough research program offers Austin College undergraduates substantive and potentially formative experiences that increase their understanding of the opportunities and commitments of academic research in a discipline of interest. **For further information, contact Dr. Mindy Landeck (mlandeck@austincollege.edu).**

The program guidelines are as follows:

1. Student fellows will be awarded \$3,500 for a 10-week commitment to a research project. The student should have no significant other academic or work-related obligations during this time period.
2. Student fellows may be reimbursed up to an additional \$500 for research travel, conference presentations, and other research expenses (including the purchase of books). These funds cannot be used to purchase computers or other equipment, but some software purchases may be approved.
3. The program is open to all students (from any major) who have completed at least 10 full-credit Austin College courses, not including January terms, by the time of application. Students should have a GPA of around 3.5 or above at the time of application. Students who are slightly below the 3.5 GPA may still apply. Further, students must have taken at least three courses in the discipline in which their faculty sponsor resides (but not necessarily with the faculty sponsor her/himself). Up to one of the three courses may be ongoing in the semester of application.
4. Student fellows must register for a directed study or independent study in the fall immediately following their summer research fellowship. When student fellows are studying abroad, they may postpone that directed study until the spring semester. Students who cannot complete a directed or independent study in the following academic year following are ineligible for the program. A final paper related to the research must be produced at the end of the directed or independent study and submitted to the director of the program (in the case of an incomplete, the paper is submitted at the completion of the course). Frequently, students will use this fellowship as an opportunity to begin work on a senior Honors Thesis.

5. Successful student fellows (and their faculty sponsors) will be required to participate in two on-campus workshops, one in the spring and one in the fall. Except in extraordinary circumstances, inability to participate in either workshop will make a student ineligible for the summer program.
6. The selection committee undertakes to award an equal number of fellowships each year in the Social Sciences and Humanities divisions, but the ultimate determination of selection is the merit of the individual project proposal. The committee is convened annually and consists of two faculty members from each division assessing and ranking the proposals. No reviewer may act as sponsor of an application in that year. The program director will cast a tie-breaking vote for funding when and if a consensus cannot be reached.
7. While the final proposal must be a student-generated product, faculty sponsors may provide feedback on student drafts of the proposal.
8. Students will be required to fill out an application form, which will include a 750-word project description. Students must also submit a one-page preliminary bibliography. An current student transcript must accompany the application. The faculty sponsor will be required to write a letter of support. The student will also be required to find a second faculty member outside of the faculty sponsor's discipline (in either the Humanities or Social Science Divisions) to complete a recommendation form available online. Application materials and recommendation forms are available on the Scarbrough Fellowship webpage.

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