

Psychology Summer Research Grants

Application Deadline: Typically March

The Psychology Student Summer Research Grants are intended to fund 3 returning students working on independent research projects with faculty mentorship, or students collaborating with faculty on joint research projects. Students will be awarded \$3,000 for 8 full-time weeks of work and will also earn 1.0 credit for PSY 970. Free room will be provided to students if living on campus. Faculty mentors will receive \$1,000. The evaluating committee places the highest priority on the quality of the student proposals submitted, the perceived impact on the student's academic goals, and the potential implications within the field of Psychology. Incomplete applications, or those submitted after the deadline, will not be considered.

The Crist Family Research Fellowship

This fellowship provides a stipend to support 2 students in either independent or collaborative research with a faculty member of the psychology department. The research idea must be student-directed but can be independently proposed by the student or could be related to a faculty member's research program. Students are expected to take primary responsibility for advancing the research.

The Rosenberg Research Award

This award provides a stipend to 1 psychology student who is engaged in research that is developmental in nature (either directly or indirectly). The research idea must be independently proposed by the student or could be related to a faculty member's research, but may not be the faculty member's research.

Student Expectations:

1. This experience will require students to work 40 hours a week for 8 weeks (or the equivalent) over the summer, with no other significant obligations during that time.
2. Students will need a faculty mentor, who will oversee the project.
3. Students don't need to physically reside in Allentown during the summer (although free room on campus will be provided); however, students and faculty mentors will need to meet regularly.
4. Students must register for 1 credit of Psychology Independent Research over the summer.
5. Research students are encouraged to participate in events run through the Summer Student Research Cohort and to present at the College's annual student research poster presentation in the fall semester following the summer research.
6. A final report of the research must be submitted by August 30th to the faculty mentor and students will formally present their research to the grant funders.

The following guidelines are designed to assist students in providing the Committee with the information it needs to make an informed decision regarding the proposals. If additional information seems appropriate, please provide it. If a particular question does not apply to the project, please state "Not applicable". Students must show a draft of the proposal to the faculty sponsor for approval prior to submission.

Application submission:

Email one PDF of the grant application to Dr. Sinno stefaniesinno@muhlenberg.edu typically in March.

A complete application includes all of the following:

I. Cover Sheet (copy and paste this information into page 1 of your document)

Name:

Date:

Email:

Major(s):

Minor(s):

Class of:

Overall GPA:

PSYCH Courses GPA: _____

Name of Faculty Advisor for Research:

Signature of Faculty Advisor (can be electronic):

*To Faculty Advisor: By signing this cover sheet you agree that you have read, approve, and support this student's research

II. General Information

1. Title of Project

2. Do you wish to be considered for the Rosenberg Research Award? If yes, please indicate how your project is situated within developmental psychology and independent of the faculty sponsor's current projects. If no, fill in N/A.

3. What relevant curricular training have you completed (courses in Psychology methods, statistics, etc.)? (max 500 characters)

4. Please describe any prior research, work, or related experience you have had; be sure to include the nature of the research, your supervisor(s), and any training or skills you have accrued. (max 500 characters)

5. Please describe your interests and goals for participation in Summer Research in Psychology. What do you hope to learn from this research experience? How will this experience relate to your plans both during your time at Muhlenberg and after graduation? (1000 characters)

III. Grant Proposal

The grant proposal should be as detailed as possible. Proposals should be 1-2 pages, double-spaced, and include the following:

1. Project Description

a. This section should be understandable to a general, non-technical, audience and should speak to the enduring significance of the proposed project.

2. Intended Research Questions

a. These questions can be answered either during the summer or the academic year.

3. Ideas about Methodology and Design (if applicable)

4. Including a timeline for steps and completion would be helpful. Full research studies do not have to be completed in the summer months but it would be helpful to know your intended plans for IRB submission and project completion.

IV. Project Outcome

In one page or less, provide details about the expected publication, presentation, exhibition, or performance which will result from this project.

V. Project Requirements

In one page or less please answer the following:

- What Muhlenberg College resources, if any, will you need to complete this project (i.e. library, SPSS, Qualtrics, lab space, access to research participants)?
- What off-campus facilities, if any, will you use to complete this project? What arrangements have been made to secure the use of these facilities?