EURêCA! Fellows Program

The EURêCA! Fellows Program is a highly competitive grants-in-aid program that provides a small number of CU Denver undergraduates with a stipend to conduct original research, creative, or other scholarly activity in the field of their declared major under the supervision of a CU Denver or CU AMC faculty mentor. The goals of this program are to provide talented undergraduates who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career involving original research, creative, or other scholarly activity with a scholarly experience. In addition to increasing the number of CU Denver undergraduates engaging in research, creative, or other scholarly activity, goals include elevating the experience for those students who have previously engaged in scholarship. The EURêCA! Fellows Program is being piloted in 2018 with the support of the Office of the Provost and administration by the Office of Research Services in collaboration with the Office of Undergraduate Experiences, Career Center, and Experiential Learning Center.

While the ultimate goal of the EURêCA! programs is to provide undergraduates with a professionally relevant scholarly experience, the following entry-points recognize that our students have diverse backgrounds and will bring with them varying levels of experience. Undergraduates entering EURêCA! Fellows Program will have completed relevant coursework; have previously engaged in key elements of the scholarly process; understand how knowledge is generated and disseminated; and have acquired some technical skills relevant to the proposed scholarly activity. As such, Fellows will be prepared to undertake original scholarship.

Fellows will receive a stipend totaling up to $3000 to support original scholarship for a period of not less than 15 weeks at 16 hrs/wk during the Fall Semester. Fellows set a firm schedule in consultation with their mentor that accommodates their course schedule and that includes required trainings and meetings, in addition to the activity. Stipends will be administered as salary disbursed bi-weekly during the semester(s) in which the award was made.

EURêCA! Fellows:
- commit to completing a semester long, faculty mentored research, creative, or other scholarly activity during the Fall 2018 semester;
- enroll full-time during the semester(s) in which the award is administered;
- enroll in a “for-credit” or “not-for-credit” internship through the Experiential Learning Center during the semester(s) in which the award is administered;
- receive stipend totaling up to $3,000 to support faculty mentored scholarly activity;
- complete brief pre- and post-activity assessment materials;
- complete all relevant University trainings required to undertake the scholarly activity;
- submit brief report summarizing activity at end of semester in which award is administered;
- present outcomes of scholarly activity at RaCAS 2019.

Eligibility criteria include:
- degree-seeking CU Denver undergraduate status;
• junior (61-90 credit hours completed) or senior (90 or more cr hrs) class standing;
• 3.00 GPA or higher earned over a minimum of two semesters completed at CU Denver;
• nomination by a CU Denver or CU AMC faculty member;
• basic skills relevant to proposed scholarly activity obtained through: coursework; co- or extracurricular activities; directed research/internships; and/or pre-training programs;
• career goals that include original research, creative, and other scholarly activities;
• established financial need for some, but not all awards;

Faculty Mentors:
• are CU Denver or CU AMC faculty;
• hold full-time tenured, tenure-track, or clinical teaching track appointments;
• maintain an active program of scholarship in any discipline or academic unit;
• have demonstrated commitment to the undergraduate research enterprise at CU Denver, including RaCAS, UROP, and other EURēCA! Programs.
• commit to engaging the Fellow in all aspects of her/his program, including relevant University trainings, one-on-one mentoring meetings, and group meetings;
• are responsible for all employment paperwork (e.g., letter of offer, HCM entry, bi-weekly time records, payroll, termination) through home department/unit;
• participate in at least one Center for Faculty Development workshop or discussion emphasizing the mentoring of undergraduate scholarly activities in 2018.

Application: The EURēCA! Fellows Program is unique among other similar programs at CU Denver (e.g., UROP), in that nominations are faculty generated. As such, the application includes components completed by the student and the faculty mentor; however, the faculty mentor will submit all application materials as a single pdf to Leo.Bruederle@ucdenver.edu.

For Fall 2018, the application deadline is 10 August. Complete applications will be reviewed by a committee comprising faculty, staff, and/or undergraduates, after which competitive applicants will be interviewed. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application beginning 17 August 2018.

1. Student applicant
   a. personal statement not to exceed one page in length (12pt, 1” margins) addressing goals of program, prior experience relevant to activity; and interest in pursuing a career that includes research, creative, or other scholarly activities (see above).
   b. resume not to exceed two pages in length (12pt, 1” margins).
   c. transcript documenting degree seeking status at CU Denver, 3.00 GPA or higher earned over two semesters at CU Denver, and registration for Fall 2018 Semester.

2. Faculty mentor
   a. letter not to exceed two pages in length describing scholarly activity; support for student, including a mentoring plan; and prior experience mentoring undergraduates in research, creative, or other scholarly activities.
   b. CV following CU Denver format highlighting scholarship involving undergraduates.

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