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The College of Arts and Science *Dean's Scholar* Program
2009/2010

Call for Nominations

Purpose:

The Dean's Scholar Program is proposed in order to encourage scholarly activity among our best students.

The Scholars:

Approximately 30 seniors (selected in April of junior year) throughout the College of Arts and Science will be selected as a *Dean's Scholar*. Selected scholars must have conceived and proposed a project that is endorsed by the Faculty Mentor.

Dean's Scholar Research:

During the senior year, Dean's Scholars will conduct independent study with a Faculty Mentor. Departments are strongly encouraged to link their program to Departmental Honors. Students will conduct the study under the individual department's Independent Study or Departmental Honors course numbers.

The Dean's Scholar will receive a \$750 professional expense stipend to conduct independent study, in addition to academic credit. The Faculty Mentor will receive \$750 in professional expenses to mentor the student. Please note that these funds are intended to be used for expenses related to the research and/or presentation of the work. It is not a scholarship for tuition or a cash award. It may not be used for entertainment. Early in the fall \$750 will be transferred to a departmental/program account for each mentor. Student funds of \$750 each will be held in the Dean's office.

Presentation of Research:

The senior project should culminate in significant work of scholarship, which results in publication/performance/dissemination of the research. If the student does not present his/her work at a professional conference, he/she **MUST** present it at Miami's Undergraduate Student Research Conference held each year in April.

Selection Process:

By April 1, 2009, Departments and Programs will have ranked all Dean's Scholar nominations they have received, using their own criteria, and forwarded the completed forms to the Dean's office. The number of scholars allocated to each unit will be decided based on the quality of the applications received. The departments/programs will be notified as to how many of their students are selected. Letters announcing their selection will be sent to each student chosen, with a copy to the mentor and chair/director.

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