When completing your application, please consult: http://morgridge.wisc.edu/students/wif.html for detailed information.

Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowships provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to use and expand their knowledge through service-learning/community-based research projects with community organizations anywhere in the world. Projects can be of varying durations and must be supervised by faculty or instructional academic staff.

Students will be awarded 3 academic credits of independent/directed study, supervised research or senior thesis for the project. These credits are mandatory.

The Fellowships provide a stipend to the student of between $1,000 to $3,000 for projects of a summer, one-semester, or academic year long. Group projects are accepted with maximum stipend of $5,000 (up to $2,500 for summer). Up to an additional $2000 ($1000 for summer projects) will be administered by the Morgridge Center for Public Service for project implementation. Students awarded a fellowship will receive half their stipend within a few weeks of their award. The final portion of the stipend will be distributed upon successful completion of their fellowship project. All proposals should demonstrate (1) intellectual growth for the student; (2) benefits to the community organization; and (3) collaboration among the student, faculty/staff supervisor, and community organization in planning, implementing, and evaluating the project. Each fellowship recipient will be required to participate in the Undergraduate Symposium in April, 2019, submit final written materials, and participate in an exit interview.

The Office of the Provost, in collaboration with the Morgridge Center for Public Service, invites applications for Wisconsin Idea Fellowships. Applications must be received in the Morgridge Center (online application strongly preferred) on or before the final deadline of Friday, February 9th 2018 at 5:00pm. There will be a priority deadline of Wednesday, January 26th at 5:00pm. If turned in by this date, applications are guaranteed to be reviewed and returned by the grant advisor with comments by Friday, February 2nd at 5:00pm. Applicants MUST RESUBMIT their applications by the final deadline, February 2nd, for consideration. Late proposals will not be accepted. Students awarded a fellowship will be notified in mid-March.

WHO

University of Wisconsin-Madison undergraduate students who have at least sophomore standing at the time of application and who plan to work in collaboration with a community organization and with a UW-Madison faculty/instructional academic staff member may apply. Applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 2.0 and be in good academic standing. Students must maintain their undergraduate status during implementation of the project. Only one application per student will be accepted for consideration, and individual faculty/instructional staff members may supervise no more than two student projects in this competition. Award winners must register for three credits of supervised research, senior thesis or directed study during the 2018-19 academic year or during the summer session.

HOW

Submit the following through the online application:

- an application form (typed or clearly printed) with original signatures;
- an abstract of the proposed project (250 typed words or less);
- a description of the project (no more than 5 typed double-spaced pages);
- a current UW-Madison transcript: either a “student record” obtained via My UW or an official seal-bearing transcript is acceptable;
- letters of support from the faculty/staff supervisor and the community organization partner;
- budget: an estimate of what the project will cost and how these costs will be met.
WHERE
Applications are available from the Morgridge Center for Public Service, Red Gym, Room 154. Applications can also be downloaded at: http://www.morgridge.wisc.edu/students/wif.html

WHEN
Priority Deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2017 at 5:00pm (Apps will be critiqued and returned by Friday, Feb. 2nd at 5:00pm)
Final Deadline: Friday, Feb. 9th at 5:00pm
Notification: Before spring break

Deliver to: Morgridge Center for Public Service / Red Gym, 716 Langdon Street, Room 154
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CRITERIA

• The project description (not more than 5 double-spaced pages) should include: (a) the purpose of the project, (b) a summary of the major activities, (c) a time line for completion, and (d) a discussion of how the project will yield one or more of the following benefits to each partner:

1. Student: gain experience applying skills and knowledge; gain experience with applied research; expand understanding of community issues; learn about project-related subject matter.

2. Community: accomplish priority objectives; expand access to the university; engage community youth to university opportunities.

3. Faculty/staff supervisor: learn more about project-related subject matter; develop new ways to teach with community-based materials; improve skills for working with community organizations; generate new research questions.

• Letters of support are required from the faculty/instructional staff supervisor and the community partner. Letters should attest to the value of the project and should discuss the collaboration of all three parties in its planning, implementation, and evaluation.

• Feasibility of the project within the time frame and resources available must be clear. Other monetary or in-kind resources for the project should be noted in the proposal and verified in letters of support.

• Proposals should be comprehensible to faculty/instructional staff in related and to community organizations. Proposals must demonstrate collaborative planning among the student, the faculty/ instructional staff supervisor, and the community organization; but, the proposal must be written by the student.

QUESTIONS
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