Undergraduate Research Internship Program for the Academic Year

Following on the success of the first year of this program, the Pavlis Honors College is pleased to announce an expanded Undergraduate Research Internship Program for the 2016-17 academic year. There are now three tracks (with obvious overlap) for faculty mentors to consider:

- Faculty in Health-Related Fields are invited to identify an undergraduate research intern with any amount of prior experience - Portage Health Foundation Scholars
- Faculty in Engineering, Technology, Environmental Sciences or Wildlife Sciences are invited to identify an undergraduate research intern with any amount of prior experience - DeVlieg Foundation Scholars
- Faculty in any discipline are invited to identify an undergraduate intern that is relatively new to research or scholarship (less than 6 months) - Pavlis Young Investigators

The internship program is open to any student on campus. Faculty are welcome to apply with students with whom they are already working.

The program consists of a 20-week internship (Late October through Mid-March) as well as professional development activities centered in academic research and scholarship.

The Pavlis Honors College will provide $800 in funding for the student intern, with the expectation that faculty will identify a source to match this value, resulting in a total of $1600 (or $10/hr for 8 hours per week for a period of 20 weeks). Faculty may make use of research funds, IRAD, startup packages, or consult their chairs, deans or center/institute management.

Once accepted into program, the student intern is required to:

- meet with the faculty mentor within the first 2 weeks of the internship and complete an individual development plan (IDP) - a form will be provided by the Pavlis Honors College;
- attend at least 3 Research Scholarship Workshops (see suggested schedule below); and
- present their research findings in a poster at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on Friday, March 17th (Friday of Preview Weekend).

Applications are due by October 14th and include the following:
1. Online Application Form
2. Project Description
3. Faculty Mentor Letter of Support
4. Faculty Match Funding Acknowledgement

The Project Description is to be completed as a collaborative effort between the student applicant and the faculty mentor.

Details of these requirements can be found on the Pavlis Honors College website.

The program will begin the week of October 31st with a kickoff mixer for mentors and interns.

Planned Workshop Topics -
- Making the Most of Mentorship
- Plagiarism (offered by the Van Pelt and Opie Library)
- Documenting your Research
- Literature (Finding it and Reading it)
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Workshops
- Research Integrity
- Abstracts and Posters
- Practice Poster Talks

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