

# *Call for Proposals*

## **College of Natural and Health Sciences'**

### **Student Research Fund**

The College of Natural and Health Sciences (NHS) established in spring 2006 a new Foundation account entitled the NHS Student Research Fund. Supported through donations by faculty, staff, and friends of the College, as well as proceeds generated by the NHS Student Research Celebration, the Student Research Fund, once it is of sufficient size, will generate funds to support research and research-related travel by the College's students. Until that time, the NHS Dean's Office will supplement the Student Research Fund, in order to make available a pool of monies to support student research activities. These funds will be made available on a competitive basis through a proposal process. Two calls for proposals will be made per academic year (one in fall and one in spring).

#### **Purpose**

The Student Research Fund is designed to support research and research-related travel by NHS students. Proposals may request funds for travel, materials, supplies, equipment, and other research expenses, excluding salary. All expenses must be consistent with University policy.

#### **Funding Level**

A total pool of \$5,000 is expected to be made available in the 2007-08 academic year. Individual proposals may request up to \$400.

#### **Eligibility**

Eligible to apply are full-time undergraduate and graduate students who have been admitted to a degree program within the College of Natural and Health Sciences. Students are eligible for one award per academic year.

#### **Proposal Submission Deadline**

Two rounds of funding will take place in the 2007-08 academic year. In order to be reviewed, completed applications (one original and seven copies) must be received in the NHS Dean's Office (Gunter Hall 1000 or campus box 134) by:

**November 1, 2007 for the fall semester competition**  
**February 15, 2008 for the spring semester competition**

#### **Proposal Review Procedure**

Proposals received by the stated deadlines will be reviewed by a college committee, who will recommend to the Dean of the College an allocation of funds.

#### **Proposal Format**

Each application for Student Research Fund monies must include the following in a proposal no longer than three (3) pages in length:

1. A description of the proposed activity and its significance. For example, will the project address a gap in the research? Does it involve an innovative approach? The inclusion of a reference list may be appropriate.
2. A detailed project budget and timeline. If funds are requested for conference travel, include the title of the meeting and destination.
3. A listing of other project funding sources from which the applicant is seeking funds (if applicable).
4. A brief (one paragraph) letter of support from a faculty research mentor.
5. An approval signature by the relevant school director (the director in whose school the activity will be performed).