

## Summer URI Program FAQs

### **Q: Is the Faculty Letter of Support mandatory?**

**A:** Yes. If the Faculty letter of support isn't received by the due date, your proposal will not be reviewed for participation in the Summer URI Program.

### **Q: How rigid are the format rules of the proposal?**

**A:** You must follow the format in all sections of the guidelines for a fair review process.

### **Q: Can I have a time extension to submit my proposal?**

**A:** No. It is not possible to provide any extensions due to time constraints of the program.

### **Q: Can I resubmit a new or revised proposal after my submission?**

**A:** Immediately after the deadline, all proposals are sent to the External Advisory Board for review. No revisions will be accepted after the deadline. However, if you would like to submit a revised version BEFORE the deadline, you may resubmit a new application.

### **Q: Can I submit an appeal if I'm not selected to participate in the program?**

**A:** All proposals are reviewed by the External Advisory Board with the published criteria. Due to the constraints of the program, there is no appeal process. All decisions are made by the External Advisory Board and are final.

### **Q: What is the criteria for review?**

**A:** All proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Problem statement and significance
- Needs: Market and/or research needs
- Innovation and potential impact
- Results and work done

### **Q: Can I withdraw from the program after being selected for the fellowship?**

**A:** If you are selected to receive the fellowship, you will receive an email with a link to accept the terms and conditions of the program. You may decline at that time. If you accept, you are expected to comply with the terms and conditions of the fellowship including:

- pursuing full time research for the duration of the entire program
- presenting your research project at the URI Summer Research Symposium.

### **Q: Do I need to submit the abstract of the project for the URI Summer Research Symposium?**

**A:** Yes. You are required to submit a one page abstract in the required format (details to be provided at a later time) to be included in the book of abstracts for the symposium that will be posted online. For reference, please see the 2024 Book of Abstracts [here](#).

**Q: Can I take classes during the program?**

**A:** The program requires you to work full-time on your research project, but with special permission from the faculty advisor **and** the Office of Research, you can work to create a schedule that has evening courses. Alternatively, you may work on a schedule to pursue full-time research while requesting approval to take any course.

**Q: When will I make my presentation at the URI Summer Symposium?**

**A:** You will receive a detailed agenda of the Summer Research & Innovation Symposium with your specific time of presentation a few days before the event. You will be required to upload your final presentation and you will be notified by a date that will be determined at a later time.

**Q: Do I have to make the presentation in person?**

**A:** Yes. All presentations will be made in person and judged before the External Advisory Board for the selection of the Dr. James Stevenson Innovation Awards.

**Q: What are the Dr. James Stevenson Innovation Awards?**

**A:** There will be first, second and third place overall winners as well as Honorable Mentions in the following categories:

- Artificial Intelligence, Machine Intelligence & Robotics
- Bioscience and Bioengineering
- Data Science & Management
- Environment and Substantiality
- Material Science and Engineering