DSRF Application

Student Information

First Name

Last Name

Unique ID (include leading zeros)

Telephone

E-Mail

Faculty Mentor Information

A letter of recommendation is required from the faculty mentor. Your mentor's letter should address the scholarly value of your research project, their assessment of your preparedness to complete the project, and their commitment to provide you oversight, feedback, and assistance with resources.

Faculty Mentor First Name

Faculty Mentor Last Name

Faculty Mentor Email

Faculty Mentor Department

African and African American Studies

If other department:

I agree to waive my right to examine the letter of support.
DSRF Research Project Title:


DSRF Research Proposal Abstract (single paragraph, no more than 250 words, no references)

*Describe your general goals and expected outcome. What do you want to do? Why is it important? What methods will you use? What question(s) will you address?*


Please check the one disciplinary area that best describes your project:

- Humanities (e.g., Arts & Literature, Languages, Philosophy, History, Religion)
- Social Sciences (e.g., Cultural Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Public Policy, Education, Psychology)
- Life Sciences (e.g., Biology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience, Cell & Molecular Biology, Biomedical Sciences)
- Physical Sciences (e.g., Chemistry, Physics, Earth & Ocean Sciences)
- Quantitative Sciences (e.g., Math, Statistics, Computer Science)

Project Dates (approximate, if specific dates are not known)

Start Date (mm/dd/yy) 

End Date (mm/dd/yy) 

Total Number of Weeks: 

Will you also be enrolled in summer courses? Note that your enrollment dates cannot overlap with your project dates. 

Will you also be participating in
DukeEngage?  Note that your DE dates cannot overlap with your project dates.

Location of research project (select all that apply):
Note: International travel is subject to safety restrictions. Click here for more information.

- Duke
- Europe
- Africa
- US (Other than Duke)
- Asia
- International - other
- Latin America/Caribbean

Academic Goals:
Do you expect that this project will contribute to an honors thesis (Graduation with Distinction)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

You are applying for a Dean's Summer Research Fellowship (DSRF). Funding for some fellowships is provided from restricted sources intended to support particular kinds of projects. Please tell us if your proposal should be considered for any of the following restricted awards (select all that apply):

- Dean's Summer Research Fellowship - mentored research project in any discipline conducted by any student in Trinity College (default DSRF award).
- Schiff Summer Research Fellowship in the Humanities - exemplary research projects in any area of the humanities.
- Summer Session Fellowship - research projects conducted during one Summer Term (either I or II) before or after completing a class during the other Summer Term.
- Goldman Sachs Summer Research Fellowship - research projects in the physical and quantitative sciences (including economics) conducted by women; research in the life sciences conducted by underrepresented minorities.
- Global Education Summer Fellowship - research projects that are based on, or complement, a Study Abroad experience.

DSRF Research Proposal
The proposal should be no longer than 3 pages, total, including references. Please organize your proposal in 5 sections:
1) Background, General Aims/Long Term Objectives
2) Specific Aims/Short Term Objectives, Methods
3) References
4) Budget
You may cut & paste the text from another program. Please avoid Greek letters and special characters.

1. Background and General Aims/Long Term Objectives (approx 1 page):
(What is the overall goal of this research? Why is it important? What are the 'big questions' in your discipline that you expect...
2. Specific Aims/Short Term Objectives (approx 2 pages):
(What are the specific research questions that you will ask this summer, and what methods will you use to address them? What are your hypotheses?)

List and number your individual aims. Each aim should describe what you will actually do to test your hypothesis or collect data. Each aim should be an achievable goal within your time frame of research. For each aim, explain your experimental/data collection design, feasibility of accomplishing your specific aims in the time frame you’ve identified, how/when/where you will collect and analyze data)

Does your research involve human subjects in any way, e.g., interviews, on-line surveys, written questionnaires, photography of subjects?
Note: Research with human subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Click here for more information.

- Yes
- No

If your research involves human subjects, please complete the following:

Who will be your subjects? Be specific. (Examples: Children ages 12-16 in a boarding school; Physicians in a maternal health clinic in the X District of Y City.)

Will you be working with a local or on-site organization? If yes, please name.

In what form(s) will you collect your data? (Examples: audio recordings, transcripts, photographs, video recordings, field notes, written questionnaires)

What will you be asking your subjects
My protocol for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is:

- not yet submitted
- submitted, approval pending
- submitted and approved

3. Briefly, please describe your qualifications to conduct this research project. List any relevant courses, prior research experiences, or skills (language proficiency, technical training, etc).

4. References cited:

DSRF Budget

Total Expense ($)
Include the full expense of your project, not only the amount requested from the DSRF.

Please itemize major items, and provide a brief rationale for your budgeted items:
Note that fellowship funds may not be used to purchase personal equipment or durable items (cameras, computers, clothing, etc). Please justify any special equipment costs.
Travel (destinations, mode of travel, cost)  

Lodging (Location, rate, # days). Duke/Durham housing will be funded up to $180/wk.

Food (daily cost, # days). Duke/Durham dining will be funded up to $120/wk.

Supplies and Equipment (description, cost)

Please list any other anticipated sources of support besides a Deans’ Summer Research Fellowship.

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Health & Safety

Health & Safety Planning For International Research Experiences

Your health and safety needs and concerns merit serious consideration in preparation for your summer research experience, as you will be responsible for attending to those needs and concerns. You and your parents/legal guardians will also be required to release the University from liability arising from your engagement in your research experience, including for any failure to attend to these needs.

1. When you travel internationally for your research experience, you may find yourself in a setting where you do not have normal access to all of the health care and support you may be accustomed to. Please list any specific health needs or concerns (physical, mental, emotional) you have and the steps you plan to take to care for your health this summer.
2. When you travel internationally for your research experience, you should be clear about any risks associated with the nature and location of your project. If U.S. State Department advisories exist for the locations you will be visiting, please describe these warnings and how they relate to what you will be doing (locations, populations, etc.)

3. Given what you know of the community in which you plan to live and the project you plan to undertake, identify any unique risks you may face, including but not limited to: food, water, prevalent diseases, transportation safety, crime, gender and sexual orientation violence, terrorism, local laws, political climate/stability, and personal security. Describe any precautions you should take to mitigate those risks.

4. Transportation can present a significant risk in many countries. Please list your expected modes of transit (private car, taxi, bus, foot, bicycle, etc.) and frequency (daily, weekly, one time, etc.) during your summer research experience.
5. In event of any illness, injury, accident, or emergency you will need to notify someone who can provide assistance and consent for treatment. Enter your emergency contact information.

- Emergency Contact Name
- Telephone
- Email
- Mailing Address

6. Have you discussed any health concerns or safety risks with your research mentor or research supervisor?

- Yes
- No

7. Have you discussed any health concerns or safety risks with your parents?

- Yes
- No

8. Do you have health insurance that provides adequate coverage while abroad?

Note: International SOS is an emergency services provided through the University. However, ISOS is not health insurance. You must print out a ISOS card before you depart to take advantage of this service.

- Yes
- No
9. As a student traveling internationally with University funding you must be registered with the Duke University International Travel Registry (travel.duke.edu) and adhere to the Duke University International Travel Policy, particularly as it regards Duke's Restricted Regions.

Are you registered with the Duke International Travel Registry?  
*Note: Final release of any award funds requires that you submit a copy of your Travel Registry verification to this funding office.*

- Yes
- No

Agreement: By checking this box, I understand and agree that, if awarded funds for a summer research experience in a foreign country, that I am responsible for my own health insurance and expenses in that country, that I am subject to the laws of that country, and that I will seek assistance in the event of any illness, injury, accident or emergency.

- I agree

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**DSRF - Fellowship Agreements**

I acknowledge that, if awarded a Deans’ Summer Fellowship, I will use the fellowship toward research expenses conducted this summer, will report on my expenses and summer research experience in September, will return any unused funds to Duke University, and will present at a University sponsored undergraduate research event in the following April.

- Check this box to confirm you are a Duke University student and that you agree to the terms detailed above.

If you are awarded a Deans' Summer Research Fellowship, the URS Office will need to obtain your Social Security Number for payroll purposes. With your permission, we can gather this information from your student record.

Do you give the URS Office permission to obtain your Social Security Number if you are awarded a DSRF?

- Yes
- No

*International students Only:*

International students are required to have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) in order to receive a summer stipend. If you do not already have a SSN or ITIN, you will need to apply for one immediately in
order to ensure your stipend. In addition, your stipend may be subject to withholding taxes by the IRS. More information at: http://undergradueresearch.duke.edu/programs/information-for-international-students

If you are an international student and awarded a DSRF, do you agree to apply for a SSN or ITIN?

- Yes
- No