DSRF Application

Student Information

First Name
Last Name
Unique ID (include leading zeros)
Telephone
Duke 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 and relevant experience for completing the project, and their commitment to providing oversight and feedback to your project, 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)
- Interdisciplinary

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 

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

DSRF Research Proposal
Please organize your proposal in 4 sections:
  1) Background, General Aims/Long Term Objectives  
  2) Specific Aims/Short Term Objectives, Methods  
  3) References or Literature Review  
  4) Budget

You may cut & paste the text from your application to another program, as long as you are clearly addressing the topics of the four sections listed above. Please avoid Greek letters and special characters.

1. Background and General Aims/Long Term Objectives (approx 250 words):  
(What is the overall goal of this research? Why is it important? What are the 'big questions' in your discipline that you expect to address? How does your proposed research relate to the work of others in this field?)

2. Specific Aims/Short Term Objectives (approx 500 words):  
(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 explore your research topic, test your hypothesis, and 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 animal subjects?
(if yes, please make sure that you or your mentor are in compliance with protocols as established by the Duke Animal Care and Use office.)

- yes
- no

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 to do? Be specific. (Examples: two one-hour interviews; pre- and post-intervention questionnaires.)

No DSRF application involving human subjects will be evaluated or approved until the Institutional Review Board has confirmed that the applicant has consulted with their office about their research proposal. My protocol for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is:
I have consulted with the Office of Research Support but have not yet submitted my IRB

- submitted, approval pending
- submitted and approved

3. Briefly, please describe your qualifications to conduct this research project. Please be specific regarding the following categories of your experience:

- Coursework related to your research topic and/or skills needed for this research
- Previous research experience
- Familiarity with language and/or culture of research location (if the location is other than Duke University)

4. Please cite your references or provide a comprehensive literature review (following the appropriate format for the primary field in which you are pursuing your research)

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. Each dollar of your total expense must be accounted for below.

- Travel (destinations, mode of travel, cost)
- Lodging (Location, rate, # days)
Please list any other sources of funding you have already applied for or intend to apply for. Duke program administrators communicate and coordinate with each other regularly in order to provide summer funds to as many eligible undergraduates as is possible.

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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. If your research proposal indicates the potential for significant risk, you may be required to read and sign a waiver reflecting the specific risk(s) related to your summer research, acknowledging that you release Duke University from any liability from the risks associated with your research experience.

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.

If your research proposal indicates the potential for significant risk, you may be required to read and sign a waiver reflecting the specific risk(s) related to your summer research, acknowledging that you release Duke University from any liability from the risks associated with your research experience.
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.

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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, all information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a Deans’ Summer Fellowship, I will use the fellowship exclusively for the expenditures generated by the summer research detailed in this application, will report on my expenses and summer research experience in September, and will return any unused funds to Duke University. Since the URS office reserves the right to audit DSRF recipients, I will keep track of my receipts and expenses designated for my summer research. I will also 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://undergraduateresearch.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