

Temple AMP International Research Scholar Program (Academic Year 2011-12)

Scholarship Application Overview and Instructions

The Temple AMP International Research Scholarship provides AMP eligible undergraduate students a stipend of \$5,000 in support of international STEM research projects undertaken with the supervision of a faculty mentor during the summer of 2012. The program is a collaborative effort among the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), the Office of the Provost and the Deans of the Schools and Colleges. It seeks to encourage and support undergraduate AMP students engaged in international STEM research projects that contribute to advancing studies in their fields.

The scholarships are competitive and limited to eight (8) awards.

One third of the research award will be provided from the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), one third from the Office of the Dean of the student's home School or College and the final third will be provided from the Office of the Provost. The program will be administered by the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students must be a full-time AMP eligible undergraduates (underrepresented STEM major). In the case of a team submission, all members must meet eligibility requirements.
2. Students must be enrolled full-time at the time of application and at Temple University for fall semester 2012.
3. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
4. Awards are available for international research experiences between the end of spring semester 2012 and start of fall semester 2012.
5. The student must conduct STEM research in an international location for a minimum of four (4) weeks.
6. Tuition costs are not covered by this award.
7. Travel to countries under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is not covered by this award.
8. Students are eligible for only one university funded grant per scholarship experience.

Application Procedures

Review of applications is conducted in a two-stage process, first at the School/College and then the University level. As such, students must submit the application to their Dean's Office for review and endorsement **prior to the application deadline of March 1**. It is recommended to give the School/College at minimum one week for its review, but confirm with your Dean's Office.

Application Requirements

Only complete applications received by **March 1** will be considered. A complete application will include:

1. Cover Page (typed and signed)
2. Project Abstract (100-200 words) – a brief, focused description of the proposed project.
3. Project Budget – The budget proposal should be as specific and detailed as possible. Applicants should provide a detailed budget of the total costs of the project, including such expenses as housing, food, airfare, passport/visa, project supplies/materials, personal expenses, and fees.

4. Project Proposal (500-750 words) – the project proposal presents your research project, indicates the course work or experiences that have prepared you for this international research project, the focus and scope of the project, and the significance the project has to your undergraduate or professional school course of study and/or professional development.
5. Two Letters of Support—Two letters of recommendation should be obtained from faculty members familiar with the student’s academic work and potential. One letter must be provided by the Temple faculty mentor and one letter must be from the host faculty at the international location where the research is to be conducted. Letters should be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the writer’s signature across the flap.
 - Temple Faculty Letter: Faculty mentor/advisor’s letter of support – This letter should detail the student’s preparedness to undertake the proposed project and ability to see the project to completion. The letter should also indicate the amount of support the faculty mentor will provide, the likely contribution the project will make to the field, and the student’s potential to contribute to the discipline in the future.
 - Host Faculty Letter: The Host Faculty Letter should comment on the arrangements made for the student to conduct research at the international location – including, where appropriate, details of housing, access to research facility/materials and the amount of support the host faculty mentor will provide.
6. Signatures – The cover page requires three signatures in addition to that of the student:

- a) Temple Faculty Mentor
- b) Host Faculty Mentor (fax/email copy of signature is acceptable)
- c) Dean of the School or College (or dean’s designee).

In signing, the faculty mentor confirms that s/he has read the student’s research proposal, supports the line of inquiry or work the student has indicated, and will provide support and guidance to the student as needed during the project period. The faculty mentor agrees to review the progress of the project at the dates specified in the grant contract.

By signing, the Dean or dean’s designee confirms that s/he has reviewed the project proposal and budget, and that funding support equal to one-third the total scholarship amount is available from within the school/college in support of the project.

Award Guidelines

1. Applicants will be notified of the award within fifteen (15) working days of the application deadline.
2. The student stipend of \$5000 will be paid in two installments, \$4000 at the beginning of the project and the remaining \$1000 after the project’s completion.
3. One host faculty stipend of \$500 will be provided for each funded proposal, paid in one installment following completion of all project requirements.

Requirements of Award Recipients

1. By **August 27, 2012** a final summary report (2-3 pages) must be submitted electronically to SVPUS (vpus@temple.edu). The report should include what the recipient gained the most academically and personally from participation in the international research experience, the results of the project, its significance, and any plans to develop the work for conference presentation or even publication.
2. Also by **August 27, 2012** a picture (suitable for submission to the National Science Foundation) of the recipient engaged in research activities must be submitted electronically to SVPUS.
3. Students receiving this award must agree to present a poster of their research at the annual Philadelphia AMP Research Symposium and Mentoring Conference which will held in October 2012.
4. Grant Recipients are further expected to consider participation in Temple’s annual undergraduate research and creative works forum, TURF-CreWS, and to consider submitting their work to local, regional and/or national conferences for public presentation.

Temple AMP International Research Scholar Application

STUDENT INFORMATION (if a group submission, please include information on additional group members as an attachment)
(Please type)

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

TUId _____ Temple Email _____@temple.edu

Local Address _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

School/College _____ Major(s) _____

Project Title _____

Project Start Date (mm/dd/yy) _____ Project End Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

International Research Destination _____
(City) (Country)

Will you be earning academic credit for this project? ___ Yes ___ No

If funded, I agree to provide the required end of project report and photograph by Aug. 27, present my research at the Philadelphia AMP Research Symposium and Mentoring Conference in October 2012, and submit my work to university-sponsored and professional forums as appropriate.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

APPROVALS

Faculty Mentor _____ Department _____ I have reviewed the attached project proposal, support the line of inquiry or work the student has indicated, and will provide support and guidance to the student as needed and warranted during project development. Signature _____ Date _____	Host Faculty _____ Institution/Dept. _____ I have reviewed the attached project proposal, support the line of inquiry or work the student has indicated, and will provide support and guidance to the student as needed and warranted during the international research. Signature _____ Date _____	Dean _____ School/College _____ I have reviewed the attached project proposal, support the project, and agree to fund one third of the \$5000 stipend award. Signature _____ Date _____
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Completed applications should be submitted by 5:00pm **March 1** to:
Temple AMP International Research Scholar Program
Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies
Conwell Hall 500 (038-23)
Temple University
Philadelphia, PA 19122

1. Project Abstract (100-200 words)

Please provide a brief, focused description of the proposed project. If your project is of a scientific or technical nature, your abstract should present the focus and significance of the project in non-technical terms.

2. Project Budget

The budget proposal should be as specific and detailed as possible. Applicants should provide a detailed budget of the total costs of the proposed international research project, including such expenses as housing, food, airfare, passport/visa fees, project supplies/materials, personal expenses, and fees.

City where you will conduct your research: _____

Country: _____

Host Institution: _____

Travel dates (dd/mm to dd/mm): _____

PLEASE DETAIL ALL THE COSTS OF YOUR PROJECT

Housing: \$ _____

Food: \$ _____

Airfare: \$ _____

Supplies / Materials: \$ _____

Passport / Visa \$ _____

Miscellaneous Fees \$ _____

*Personal Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

*Personal expenses include: medicine, toiletries and incidentals. This does not include personal travel or souvenirs. For a four week project, your personal expenses should not exceed \$400.

***Attach an itemized list of supplies, materials, or miscellaneous fees.**

3. Project Proposal (500-750 words)

In a well-focused essay, describe your research/creative project, indicate the course work or experiences that have prepared you for this international research project, its specific focus and scope, and its significance to your undergraduate course of study and/or professional development. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)