

## SURI 2021 INFORMATION

### I. OVERVIEW

West Chester University invites applications for our Summer 2021 Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI). The purpose of SURI is to:

- Increase the interest in and opportunities for undergraduate research and creative activity in all disciplines.
- Establish a community of undergraduate scholars, where the students develop basic skills in all aspects for conducting research and creative activity including project development, research compliance (when appropriate), and dissemination.
- Promote critical and analytical thinking skills that prepare undergraduate students for graduate-level studies and/or careers.

Selected applicants will receive a stipend to work full-time (37.5 hours/week) along with an additional stipend for subsistence over five weeks during summer 2021 (June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>) to participate in:

- Research and creative activity under the direct supervision of a faculty member.
- An invited speaker series.
- A SURI closing event during which they will present their work (poster, presentation, or performance).

**SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students who can work and be mentored remotely will be encouraged to do so. Any students whose research or creative activity requires them to work on campus or at a remote site must acknowledge that they have read and reviewed the current [Student Community Agreement and Student Code of Conduct](#) as part of the application process.**

### II. ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be:

- A West Chester University undergraduate student who will remain enrolled at the university through the completion of their project.
- Able to work full-time (37.5 hours/week) for the program during its five-week duration.

### III. FUNDING

Students who participate in the five-week program will receive a work stipend of \$2500.00 along with an additional subsistence stipend of \$500.00 for a total of \$3,000.00. Students will be expected to:

- Spend 37.5 hours a week on the project.
- Work under the direct supervision of the faculty mentor.

- Participate in periodic research or creative activity-related group sessions and the closing event.
- Prepare an oral or a poster presentation, performance, or work of art for the Spring 2022 WCU Research and Creative Activity Day.
- Complete entrance and exit surveys to reflect on their experience and assess the impact of SURI.
- Submit a final report by August 15, 2021.

Faculty mentors will receive 1 credit pay for the five-week program. This is not meant to be a per student payment, therefore this salary will not increase for faculty members who decide to mentor more than one student.

#### IV. SELECTION CRITERIA

18-20 applicants will be selected through a competitive review process. Reviewers will score each application using one of the following rubrics:

##### A. Research Rubric.

Attribute	1=Fair	2 = Good	3 = Exceptional
Background			
Disciplinary Context			
Methodology			
Potential Outcomes and Implications			
Written Communication.			
Academic and Career Goals related to this project			
Faculty recommendation			

##### B. Creative Activity Rubric.

Attribute	1=Fair	2 = Good	3 = Exceptional
Background			
Vision			
Design			
Potential Outcomes and Implications			
Written Communication			
Academic and Career Goals related to this project			
Faculty recommendation			

