DAAS Undergraduate Research Funding Policy

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The DAAS Executive Committee (EC) values the intellectual initiative of our students and is therefore establishing procedures for funding undergraduate research and creative endeavors. The EC will review promising proposals from DAAS majors and minors for major research and creative work. Examples of projects and activities that are eligible for funding include, but are not limited to: archival research, interviewing subjects, visiting research or historical sites, ethnographic research, participation in cultural events, filmmaking activities, research-based creative writing activities, and urban art projects and installations. Typical funding amounts will range from $200-$1,000 per student. Smaller or larger amounts may be awarded as warranted by the promise, scale, and cost of projects and as determined by the DAAS EC.

To apply for funding, a student must be a DAAS major or minor in good academic standing. The student should submit a descriptive proposal and detailed budget that lists expenses, justifies costs, and tallies a budget total. Proposals should specify any other source of funding applied to and/or received for the project. Submissions should be emailed to the DAAS Executive Committee by way of the DAAS Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), Professor Karyn Lacy (krlacy@umich.edu), with a copy to the departmental Executive Secretary, Ms. Faye Portis (fayemp@umich.edu).

Students who receive DAAS undergraduate research funds must report on the use of those funds by sharing a description of the project with the DAAS community. Within the calendar year that funding is awarded, students must write a one-paragraph description of the completed project for publication in the DAAS newsletter or placement on the DAAS website. Reports should also be sent to the DAAS EC by way of the DAAS DUS and executive secretary.

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