

Faculty of Information and Media Studies

Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship Program 2023-24

Description

The FIMS Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship Program provides FIMS undergraduate students with an opportunity to obtain research experience by working with faculty members who are undertaking new, innovative, and collaborative research projects. During the 2023-24 year, we are funding one team of researchers led by FIMS faculty member, Anabel Quan-Haase, entitled *Social Media Influencer's Role in Digital Feminist Activism: A Scoping Review*

A more detailed description of the project is available at:
https://www.fims.uwo.ca/research/student_research/undergraduate_research.html.

The FIMS Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship program aims to nurture a close-knit, multi-disciplinary, and intergenerational community of scholars. Grants have been awarded to the Principal Investigator named above to support undergraduate and graduate students working together with faculty researcher(s) on a collaborative research project. Students involved in the program will benefit from an opportunity to develop hands-on research skills. Students (in their non-RA time) will also be invited to participate in research-focused workshops, and other activities.

The Fellowship Program provides students with an opportunity to acquire advanced research skills and experience while collaborating with an intellectually vibrant community of peers, professors, and research professionals. Undergraduate students who participate in the program will receive the designation of 'Undergraduate Research Fellow'.

Fellowships are available for 2 undergraduate students.

Undergraduate Fellows

KEY STUDENT BENEFITS

FIMS Student Research Fellowships offer several benefits to participants, including:

- Stipend as a Research Assistant
 - \$1,250 per term (4-5 hours of work per week for 13 weeks – 2 terms)
- The opportunity to contribute to original faculty research projects, to develop skills, and to build supportive relationships with peers and professors

- Designation of ‘FIMS Fellow’ may be added to students’ résumé or CV.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligibility:

Undergraduate Research Fellows: FIMS undergraduate students, with a minimum 75% average on the last 10 courses, who will be in 3rd year or higher in fall 2023 are eligible to apply.

In general, students who do not meet the basic eligibility requirements will not be considered for the program. There may be specific project-related reasons why researchers might require an exception to these eligibility requirements (e.g., the project requires Undergraduate Research Fellows with fluency in a particular language). If there are no FIMS undergraduates with the particular requirements, undergraduates from other Western programs may be considered.

Selection criteria include: academic achievement, commitment to the research project, and suitability for team-based research as demonstrated by the application material and references. Enrolment is limited. Students who have previously participated in this program are not eligible to re-apply.

The Application: Applications consist of:

- *Transcripts* (screenshots from student record are acceptable but must show all academic activity beginning from first year of university to determine current year of study)
- *Résumé* (include the names and email addresses of two academic referees who can be contacted).
- *One-page letter of interest* outlining how the Fellowship Program furthers the applicant’s educational and/or career aspirations. Speak directly about the research project. A project description is available on this [webpage](#).
- *Indication of preferred project.* (Not applicable for 2023-24 program)

Submission: Applications must be submitted via email to Karen Kueneman, kueneman@uwo.ca. In the subject line of the email please type *FIMS Undergraduate Fellowship*.

DEADLINE: August 16, 2023, 4:00 pm ET.

Interviews: Students selected for interviews will be contacted shortly after the application deadline.

Questions: Karen Kueneman, kueneman@uwo.ca or Isola Ajiferuke, iajiferu@uwo.ca