Academic Division Funding

Summer 2021
What is Academic Division Funding?

A student may receive a maximum of $4,800 (from all College sources) for academic opportunities through the three academic divisions - Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, or Natural Sciences and Engineering.

Although funding is available for these academic opportunities, resources are limited, and not all proposals can be funded.
What kinds of opportunities can I apply for?

Students may submit proposals for the following types of opportunities, some of which may depend upon the College’s decision regarding in-person experiences due to COVID-19:

- field, archival, and/or desk research
- internships
- creative arts
- intensive language study
- engaged scholarship
- academically-informed activism
- work to support an honors preparation
- research leading to a thesis
Applications Open:
January 28, 2021

Application Deadline:
February 15th at 3:59.59 pm EST

The link to apply will appear on the Summer Research Opportunities website:
https://www.swarthmore.edu/summer-research-opportunities

Make a note of the deadline date and time!
COVID-19 Concerns?

Students applying for funding for Summer 2021, will be asked to submit both in-person and virtual proposals due to COVID-19. As the application and award process for this summer progresses, students will be informed as to whether in-person experiences are able to be resumed.

Clarification: one application will be submitted for a project/proposal which will include both the in-person and virtual plan. Essentially, your virtual option will be the same as your in-person option, except for the location and how you interact with your Swarthmore faculty member or external contact. If your in-person and virtual experiences are completely different, then you will need to submit two separate applications.

Note: the decision for resuming in-person opportunities is made at the College level and students will be expected to adhere to College policies surrounding the decision. If off-campus and abroad opportunities are able to be resumed in-person, students will be asked to complete all necessary application and award materials accordingly.
Who is eligible?

Any student who is a rising sophomore, junior, or senior

Priority is given to rising seniors

Students on an approved leave of absence who have identified their intent to return to active status

NOTE: Students must be in good standing concerning both their academic program and conduct, and as part of the application process must consent to a review by the Dean’s Office of their student conduct and academic records to determine eligibility.
What is required to apply?

- Application - link will appear and you will be asked to sign in via Single Sign On

- SWARTHMORE FACULTY OR STAFF recommender - this is for ALL applications, regardless of type of project and/or who you plan on working with

- Recommendations will be sent to faculty and external sources automatically and reminders are sent if responses are not received
What is the timing for award notification?

Timing depends on when the committees meet to determine awardees - these meetings hopefully will take place by mid-March

Awards are typically known by mid/late March

Process is a little later this year, due to the J-Term

Yes, there will be a waitlist…details regarding a student’s position on the waitlist

Your patience is much appreciated - especially in light of COVID-19!
Where can I find more information?

For general information:

https://www.swarthmore.edu/summer-research-opportunities

For Program Resources - including the student FAQ and the Program Guidebook:

https://www.swarthmore.edu/summer-research-opportunities/program-resources

Please take the time to review the information on the website - using the links above.

If you still have questions after reviewing this information, you can contact me at dthomps1@swarthmore.edu