

The Norris-Richards Undergraduate Summer Research Scholarships

The Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society established the James Flack Norris and Theodore William Richards Undergraduate Summer Scholarships to honor the memories of Professors Norris and Richards by promoting research interactions between undergraduate students and faculty.

Research awards of \$3500 will be given for the Summer of 2018. The student stipend is \$3000 for a minimum commitment of ten weeks of full-time research work. The remaining \$500 of the award can be spent on supplies, travel, and other items relevant to the student project.

Institutions whose student/faculty team receives a Norris/Richards Undergraduate Summer Research Scholarship are expected to contribute toward the support of the faculty members and to waive any student fees for summer research. Academic credit may be granted to the students at the discretion of the institutions.

Award winners are required to submit a report (5-7 double-spaced pages including figures, tables, and bibliography) of their summer projects to the NESACS Education Committee by November 1, 2018 for publication in *The Nucleus*. They are also required to participate in the Northeast Student Chemistry Research Conference (NSCRC) in April 2019.

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from student/faculty teams at colleges and universities within the Northeastern Section. The undergraduate student must be a chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, or molecular biology major in good standing, and have completed at least two full years of college-level chemistry by Summer, 2018.

Criteria for Selection:

- scientific merit - important factors include the originality of the project, the depth of the investigation, the significance of the scientific questions you pose, and the methods you propose to use.
- feasibility - evidence must be provided to demonstrate that the project can be completed by you in the time available and with the facilities at your disposal.
- preparation - your academic record, your ability to handle the project, and the background study you have made on your research problem will be taken into consideration.
- commitment - the depth of your commitment, and that of your department, faculty, and institution to independent research as a vital component of science education will be assessed.

Completed applications must be received electronically no later than 5:00 pm on March 29, 2018 by the Chair of the Selection Committee:

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Notification:

Applicants will be notified of the results by email by April 13, 2018, with written confirmation to follow.
