

Meliora Psychology Research Fellowship 2020-2021 Academic Year

Description

The purpose of this fellowship is to support undergraduate students to facilitate, enhance, and extend their research training with mentorship from faculty members and graduate students in the Department of Psychology. We welcome fellowship applications from all students interested in deepening their involvement with research in psychology. We especially seek and encourage applications from students whose background is traditionally underrepresented in psychology. The Meliora Psychology Research Fellowships are made possible by a donation to the Department from President Sarah Mangelsdorf and Professor Karl Rosengren.

Activities and Requirements

Fellowship recipients are expected to complete a research project in clinical, developmental, or social psychology, involving a greater degree of independence than a typical undergraduate research assistant position. Both in-person and remote participation are acceptable. Projects may take place on River Campus or affiliated sites (e.g., Mount Hope Family Center). In-person, online, and secondary data collection and analyses are all acceptable. Concurrent enrollment in PSYC 395 Independent Research is recommended but not required. There is no specific weekly time requirement. Fellowship recipients must submit the results of their project for presentation at the annual Undergraduate Research Exposition.

Amount

For the 2020-2021 academic year, the fellowship committee will award four Meliora Psychology Research Fellowships at \$2,500 apiece. Each recipient's graduate student mentor –nominated by their faculty mentor– will also receive a Meliora Psychology Mentorship Fellowship at \$500 apiece. Fellowship funds are intended to support students directly and should not be applied to project expenses.

Timeline

- Application deadline: September 30, 2020
- Fellowship start date: October 30, 2020
- Fellowship end date: end of the Spring 2021 Semester

Eligibility

To be considered for a Meliora Psychology Research Fellowship you must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher in your psychology courses and have taken PSYC 219 Research Methods in Psychology (or enroll in PSYC 219 during your fellowship year). You must identify a prospective faculty mentor, contact them well in advance of the application deadline, confirm their willingness to support your application, and obtain guidance from them in developing your research proposal. It is important to propose a project that is a good fit for your mentor's research area. This fellowship supports new research experiences. Proposed projects cannot duplicate work that you are already doing (e.g., honors thesis).

Application Materials

To be considered for a Meliora Psychology Research Fellowship, prepare the materials below and submit them using [this application link](#).

- **Eligibility Confirmation:** Your name, your faculty mentor's name, your graduate student mentor's name, your academic year, your major(s), your GPA in psychology, and a list of the psychology courses that you have taken (including PSYC 219).
- **Research Proposal:** Provide a 300-word description of your research project topic and aims. Most importantly, describe your role in the project.
- **Personal Statement.** Provide a 300-word statement about why this research experience would be meaningful to you and how it would contribute to your personal, academic, and professional goals.
- Your prospective faculty mentor must submit a letter of recommendation to laura.elenbaas@rochester.edu
- Your prospective graduate student mentor must submit a mentorship plan describing the nature of their involvement with your proposed project to laura.elenbaas@rochester.edu
- **Optional:** Underrepresented groups in psychology include, but are not limited to: students from ethnic or racial minority backgrounds (e.g., Black, Indigenous/Native American, Latinx), first-generation college students from lower-income backgrounds, and students with a physical disability. We will also consider other aspects of diversity (e.g., sexual and gender minorities, neurodiversity, immigration status, etc.). If you identify as a member of one or more of these groups, you may choose to list this information for consideration in your application. You may also include relevant information in your Personal Statement.

Application Evaluation

A committee of faculty and graduate students in the Department of Psychology will conduct holistic evaluations of complete applications, taking into account all of the materials listed above.