URSA Summer Undergraduate Research Funding

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity has funds to support undergraduate student projects to be conducted June 1 – August 21, 2015.

Eligibility - student
Undergraduate students are invited to apply for an URSA Summer Undergraduate Research Funding award of $5,000 (to fund student salary, stipend, tuition and/or supplies). (Salaries are paid as fellowships and are subject to federal income tax). Any undergraduate student with good academic standing (GPA 2.0 or above) and a commitment from a faculty mentor is eligible for funding.

Eligibility - project
Projects in any UAF discipline will be considered. While the topic and results may contribute to a faculty member’s program of research or creative scholarship, the work must be performed by the student with mentoring from the faculty member (possibly with help from graduate students and/or technicians). The student is to be guided in all stages of the project, which includes planning, proposal writing (due February 27, 2015), execution and preparation of a poster presenting project outcomes.

To download the application, go to: www.uaf.edu/ursa and click on “URSA Awards.” Deadline February 27, 2015.

All proposals will be reviewed based on: 1) written quality of the proposal and quality of the work plan, 2) intellectual merit or scholarly contribution of the project and its potential outcomes, 3) adequate faculty mentor involvement, and 4) feasibility of completion within the given timeline. The project can extend past August 21, 2015, but funding must be spent and the poster must be completed by that date. Student GPA is considered but to a lesser degree. Selections will be made by the URSA Advisory Board and URSA Directors.

Award recipients will be notified by email and announced on the URSA website www.uaf.edu/ursa by March 13, 2015

URSA Student Funding Awardees will be required to: 1) complete training for the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) (see www.uaf.edu/irb/training ), 2) be listed on the mentor’s approved protocol, (IACUC, IRB or IBC), whichever covers the proposed project, 3) create a poster presenting project outcomes, and 4) email an electronic version of the poster to ursa.uaf@alaska.edu by August 21, 2015.