
SCIENCE INSTITUTE
College of Arts & Sciences
Fairfield University

DATE: February 1, 2024

TO: Full-Time Faculty Members in Sciences & Mathematics

FROM: Dr. Shelley Phelan, Director of the Science Institute

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for Summer Student Research

The Science Institute at Fairfield University is an endowed program in the College of Arts & Sciences that supports activities and programs in the areas of science and mathematics including innovative teaching, curriculum development, lectures, and seed grants for research, along with projects that promote the cultivation of an appreciation for scientific teaching and inquiry in the University and the community at large.

The current RFP supports faculty-mentored student research for summer 2024. This is being supported by a fund established in memory of Dr. Klimas, a former biology faculty member. These funds will be used to provide **\$5000** summer research grants to support eight weeks of faculty-supervised student research in the natural sciences and/or mathematics this summer. Priority will be given to seed projects that have the potential for development into externally funded research grants. Faculty members in the departments of biology, chemistry/biochemistry, physics, psychological and brain sciences, and mathematics are encouraged to apply. On campus summer research activities with students will be permitted for summer 2024. Housing can be requested from the Dean's summer research student housing call.

The following stipulations apply:

- The student stipend will be \$4000 for 8 weeks of faculty-supervised summer research.
- An additional \$1K can be used for supplies, travel, and/or faculty stipend.
- Current undergraduates would be expected to present their research results at the Sigma Xi poster session within Fairfield University's Innovative Research Symposium in spring 2025.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is March 1, 2024, and awards will be announced on or about March 15.

Please **submit the application electronically as a pdf** to jfrancis@fairfield.edu.

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