

## **2018 Student Summer Research Program**

### **Description, Application, and Schedule**

The Department of Political Science invites applications for the 2018 Student Summer Research Program.

This program offers an opportunity for students to engage in independent research with faculty mentoring, and has two main components: Theme-projects involve rising juniors to formulate and complete mentored research projects related to a research program theme selected by the Department of Political Science; Thesis-projects involve seniors working on their Political Science-related Distinction and/or Honors theses. Together, the program participants (students and faculty) form a research community for inquiry supported by both faculty mentoring and peer mentoring.

Students interested in participating in the 2018 Student Summer Research Program must complete an application available from the Department of Political Science. If selected, Theme Project students commit to participation in 5 project workshops: 1 per week beginning May 14, 2018, and 1 additional workshop in each of June and July. Students also commit to participating in regular mentoring meetings with project advisers, and to completing projects according to the program schedule and deadlines. Thesis Project participants commit to participation in the second May workshop, and faculty-student collaboration with project advisers throughout the summer program, leading to project completion. We expect to have access to distance learning facilities so, while attendance and participation in the workshops is mandatory, physical attendance at the workshops in Fort Worth may not be.

#### **SSRP Project Schedule and Deadlines**

##### **A. Thesis Projects**

Due dates for progress and reviewable drafts to be worked out with thesis supervisors.

Student-Mentor teams establish a timeline for thesis completion by August 15 (Sample: June 1 - Intro, literature review, theory section; June 15 - revisions plus research design; July 1 - revisions plus evidence; July 15 - revisions, plus analysis; August 1 - complete draft; August 15 - final draft)

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##### **B. Theme Projects**

May 14-24: Research Question/intro - Draft due May 25; feedback from mentors by May 30

May 24-June 9: Literature/Theory - Draft due June 10; feedback from mentors by June 15

June 9-19: Research Design - Draft due June 20; feedback from mentors by June 25

June 19-July 9: Evidence Collection - Draft due July 10; feedback from mentors by July 15

July 9-24: Analysis - Draft due July 25; feedback from mentors by July 28

August 1: Complete draft due; feedback from mentors by August 5

August 15: Final draft due

### **C. SSRP Workshop Schedule**

Week of 5/14: Research Questions

Week of 5/21: Story/Theory

Week of 5/28: Research Design

Week of June 18 Research Design and Evidence

Week of July 16: Effective Presentations

Students selected to participate in the Theme Project component of the program and agreeing to the program requirements will receive financial support in the amount \$1500, payable in three installments: 1) \$500 upon completion of the May project workshops and submission of the literature/theory sections of the project (June 10); 2) \$500 upon project progress through research design/evidence (July 15); 3) \$500 upon submission and approval of final project in August. Final Theme Projects must be completed and approved no later than September 15 to receive the final payment.

Students selected to participate in the Thesis Project component will also receive \$1500 in financial support for thesis development and completion, payable in three installments: 1) \$500 on June 15; 2) \$500 on July 15; 3) \$500 on August 15. Payment of each installment requires progress on the thesis project certified by the thesis adviser.

Applications are available in the Department of Political Science and on the department website. Please contact Dr. James Scott ([j.scott@tcu.edu](mailto:j.scott@tcu.edu)) for further information and help with any questions