

Welcome!

SEEDS Partnerships for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)

Info Highlights



What is unique about SPUR?

The SPUR Fellowship is the highest honor in the SEEDS program. The award supports undergraduate students in designing and conducting an ecology research project of their interest. SEEDS would like to establish partnerships with field stations and mentors to offer exciting summer opportunities that will be **tailored to meet our students interests, career objectives and growth as a scientist.**



Award Details

The SPUR Fellowship will run from
May 2019 through August 2020

- A paid summer research or internship opportunity with a partner site with stipend, housing, travel and research expenses covered – Independent Research Project!
- Travel expenses to the 2019 SEEDS Leadership Meetings
- Travel expenses to the 2019 SEEDS National Field Trip
- Travel expenses to the 2020 ESA Annual Meeting
- Certificate of completion co-branded with partner logo

What are students expected to do?



- Students select from available sites during the application process ranking their top three.
- Once selected, students will participate in a SEEDS Leaderships Meeting, a SEEDS Field Trip and also present their research at the ESA Annual Meeting as part of the SEEDS group.
- Students complete pre-summer reading
- Students complete a summer research project over 8-12 weeks in 2019. 10 weeks is the preferred minimum.
- Students participate in enrichment activities
- Present findings at 2020 ESA Annual Meeting

Anticipated Timeline

October 31, 2018

Partner research information submitted to SEEDS

December 31, 2018

Students application deadline.

January 2019

Shortlisted candidates are interviewed by SEEDS staff.

January 2019

Applications are forwarded to relevant partners for review. Final decisions are made by partners.

April – May 2019

Preparation for Field Season; Background reading; Web conference with SEEDS staff, SPUR Fellows and mentors

Summer 2019 (May-August)

Field Season (8-12 weeks) at partner site; Independent research plan due within two-three weeks of summer research.

Fall 2019 (September-October)

Prepare their presentation for the 2019 SEEDS Leadership Meeting. Fellows deliver preliminary research findings.

Spring 2020

Submit presentations for the 2020 ESA Annual Meeting: Oral or Poster

August 2020

105th ESA Annual Meeting: Salt Lake City, Utah. Fellows present their research.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate students seeking a Bachelors degree (with graduation date no earlier than Spring 2020 preferred), or
- Associate degree with the intention of receiving a Bachelors degree
- Supports the mission of SEEDS
- Underrepresented minority, low income, first generation college and veteran students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Requirements

- Able to work in a highly independent manner – (Most often mentors are located in different areas from the Fellow’s home institution. SEEDS staff and the rest of the fellowship cohort will also be located at distance.)
- Maintain regular and reliable communication via email, phone, and web meetings
- Must participate in scheduled web meetings with SEEDS staff and the fellowship cohort
- Meet all deadlines

What do we need from our partners?

- A reliable and committed research mentor
- Support for the student during the summer research project (travel, housing, stipend and research expenses)
- Accept ESA Code of Ethics
- Provide enrichment activities (seminars, workshops, career talks etc.)
- Regular communication with student and staff



SEEDS Partnership for Undergraduate Research

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