

## First Year Research Experience Grant

The Angelo State University First Year Research Experience (FYRE) Grant program provides an opportunity for ambitious first year students to extend their education beyond the core curriculum by engaging in research or creative endeavor under the mentorship of innovative faculty. Through the program, students are able to learn more about research and creative possibilities at Angelo State University.

Students receiving the First Year Research Experience Grant will enroll in a one-credit hour, 16-week independent research course in the fall semester that covers topics related to undergraduate research/creative endeavor in the discipline. The course will meet once a week for 50 minutes and discuss discipline specific requirements for the research and creative activity. By the end of the fall semester, FYRE students will have a specific research/creative endeavor agenda and an appropriate budget request in place for the spring semester and submit that agenda and budget to the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee.

In the spring semester, FYRE students will enroll in a three-credit hour independent research course led by his or her faculty mentor. During the spring semester, the student will begin the research/creative process, preparing for a presentation at the Angelo State University Undergraduate Research Symposium and a summary of the project for publication in *CRIUS*, ASU's undergraduate research journal.

### **For academic year 2014-15, FYRE grants are available in the following disciplines:**

English/Modern Languages, Physics, Biology, Math, Security Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, History, Psychology/Sociology/Social Work, Computer Science, Nursing/Rehab Sciences, Visual/Performing Arts, Management/Marketing

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Year 2014-15.

Student applicants should understand the FYRE Grant is highly competitive. Students applying must convince the committee reviewing the applications that they are both capable and willing to do the work required to successfully complete a research/creative project at the university level.

### **Applications:**

1. To access the FYRE application, students should visit the Angelo State CITR First Year Research Experience Grant Application page at <http://www.angelo.edu/dept/citr/undergraduate-faculty-mentored-grants-asu/first-year-research-experience-grant/>.
2. Students can review past research grant projects at the same web site.
3. Priority 1 deadline for academic year 2014-15 is March 15.
4. Applications will be reviewed within 2 weeks of submission.
5. For more information, contact Dr. John Wegner, Professor of English/Modern Languages and Director of CITR at [john.wegner@angelo.edu](mailto:john.wegner@angelo.edu) or 325-942-2566.

### **Grant Eligibility**

To be eligible, students must

1. be enrolled in ASU degree programs, and
2. assume primary responsibility for their projects under faculty supervision.

Students are ineligible

- After the first semester is the faculty mentor does not deem the project or the student's continued funding advisable.
- If the faculty member does not agree to continue the project in the following semester.

### **Student Grant Awards**

- The maximum amount will be \$1,000 for each student.
- Student awards will be disbursed to the student's accounts with \$250 released in the fall semester and \$750 in the spring. Awards will not be released if the student has not registered for the research course.
- Students may also request a maximum of \$300 to cover itemized research-related expenses. Supplemental budget requests will be considered after all awards have been granted. The itemized request accounts (M&O) will be created at the beginning of the spring semester.
- Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in the independent research course in which the student is enrolled for the fall semester in order to receive grant funding for the spring semester.

### **Grant Requirements**

#### Students receiving grants must agree to

1. enroll in one-credit hour of directed independent study for which a letter grade is earned during the fall and three-credit hours of directed independent study in the spring semester for which the grant is awarded,
2. produce a scholarly/creative product to be assessed by the faculty mentor and result in a grade for each of the required independent research courses.
3. submit a manuscript or other scholarly/creative product for publication in *Crius*, ASU's undergraduate research journal, prior to the end of the spring term.
4. present their project at ASU's undergraduate research symposium held at the end of each spring term.

Students will not receive a grade for the independent study course taken during the spring semester until they have fulfilled the grant requirements above.

#### Failure to fulfill these grant requirements may result in the following:

- A hold placed on student records until these products are submitted or until such time as arrangements are completed with the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee.
- A refund of the grant funds.
- Lack of eligibility for future grant funding from the Faculty Mentored Grant Program.

### **Further Encouragements**

- Student scholars and faculty mentors are strongly encouraged to present scholarly projects at professional conferences or other appropriate conferences, such as the Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research or the Annual Meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council. (Travel funding available for students.)
- They are also strongly encouraged to publish co-authored manuscripts in professional publications.