

***Application Deadline: 1 March 2012***

With a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation, funds are available to Bates students for research under the mentorship of faculty in the Biology Department.

**A. V. Davis Student Fellowships** support original summer research projects designed by a student and supervised by a Biology Department faculty member. The fellowship includes a stipend of \$4,000 and a research supply budget of \$500. Students must pay for their own housing and living expenses. The research project will take place for eight to ten weeks during the summer and may focus on any biological topic.

**Application Procedure**

All continuing students are eligible (i.e., rising sophomores through rising seniors). A summer research collaboration between a student and a faculty member may be initiated by either person. If mutual interest exists, the student and faculty member should work together to discuss possible research topics. With faculty feedback, the student should write a brief proposal describing the project and the relevant background material. Proposals should not exceed three pages and must include an abstract and a project budget.

The Biology Department faculty members will review applications and recommend awards. Upon receipt of an award, each student is required to meet with the faculty mentor to discuss the project's goals and schedule before accepting the grant.

Important Information for students:

- All summer funding is contingent upon a student maintaining a GPA of at least 2.5.
- Students cannot use research grant funding to participate in a credit-earning summer academic program nor can they receive academic credit for summer research.
- A significant commitment of time is expected for success in accomplishing the goals of the fellowship. Therefore, employment during the period of the project is discouraged.
- A. V. Davis Student Fellowship recipients are required to submit a brief progress report on their work within two weeks of the completion of the project to the Dean of the Faculty's Office and to present their research during the Parents Weekend Poster Session unless they are studying off campus in the fall. Future grants are contingent upon these requirements.

Financial Responsibility

If for any reason the recipient of the grant is unable to fulfill their project obligations as stated in their proposal, the student will be responsible to repay the grant money awarded. If the College has purchased airline tickets that the student does not use, the student is responsible to repay the College for the price of the ticket. If the project has been started, then the amount of payment back will be determined by Kerry O'Brien in the Dean of the Faculty's Office.

More information on other funding opportunities for student summer projects is available in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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