Research That Reaches Out
Faculty and Staff Newsletter - September 2019

Funding Opportunities for 2019-2020

**Spring Semester Project Funding**
Research that Reaches Out is looking to fund course-related projects that work toward sustainable, high-impact Explore and Express opportunities for students. Applications for Spring semester project funding will be due on **November 1**. Please note that a syllabus draft is required with all applications. An updated funding application is available on the Research that Reaches Out website. Kathy is happy to provide feedback on proposal ideas or drafts, but you are encouraged to request feedback before October 23, 2019.

**Summer Undergraduate Research Program**
The purpose of the **Summer Undergraduate Research Program** is to immerse students in the integration of research and service at the Explore or Express levels, connecting directly to those student learning outcomes. Research that Reaches Out will provide a stipend for the faculty member, stipends for a maximum of two students, on-campus housing for the student(s), and $750 in funds for needed supplies. Applications for Summer 2020 are available on the QEP website. Applications will be due by 5:00 pm on **December 1**.

If you have questions about a potential project or would like to talk through your ideas, contact QEP Director Dr. Kathy Kloepper at kloepper_kd@mercer.edu.

**Summer Research Info Sessions**

- **Spring Semester Funding Info Session**
  Wednesday, September 25 @ 10:00 am
  [RSVP by clicking here.]

- **Summer Research Info Sessions**
  Wednesday, Oct. 16 @ 10:00 am
  - OR -
  Friday, November 1 @ 3:00 pm
  [RSVP by clicking here.]

Summer Research Poster Session

Please join us for our annual Summer Student Research Poster Session on **Friday, September 6** from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in Tarver Library. Drop-in for milk and cookies and engaging poster presentations from our summer undergraduate research students and their faculty mentors.

**Call for Applications: Visionary Student Panel**
Visionary Student Panel is a chance for students to share their ideas to address real-world problems and apply for funding to make it happen. Applications are open until Sept. 19. If you know any interested students, please direct them to the VSP online application on the Research that Reaches Out website, QEP.mercury.edu.

**New Resources for Faculty**
Faculty feedback at the August 2019 QEP workshop included requests for more examples of ways to ask students to reflect on their Explore and Express coursework. We have developed some new prompts that align more closely with the different roles and expectations of students in Explore- and Express-level experiences. Click here to access the resources on the QEP website.

- Prompts for undergraduate research students
- Prompts for students in Explore and Express courses
- Prompts for students in journalism courses

If you find them useful, we’d like to hear from you. Please email Kathy at kloepper_kd@mercer.edu to share your stories and feedback.

**It Ain’t Braggin’ If It’s True!**
Have you or your students disseminated your Research That Reaches Out work in a presentation, poster, or other format? Let us know! We are collecting good news to help us shape our 2021 QEP Impact Report. Examples could include, but are not limited to:

- peer-reviewed journal articles
- exhibits
- presentations
- reports
- workshops

Email Hannah Nabi at vann_hf@mercer.edu with details.