

College of Dentistry
Guidelines for the 2009-2010 University Scholars Program
University of Florida

Eligibility and Nominations

Undergraduate students from any College who wish to conduct research with a faculty member in the College of Dentistry are eligible to compete for a University Scholars Program award as long as they have maintained an overall GPA of 3.0 or better and must not earn their bachelor's degree before December 2009. Students should contact a faculty member with whom they would like to conduct research and then complete the [University Scholars Program application form](#).

The College of Dentistry will accept nominations for students up to but not later than March 2, 2009. Nomination packets should be submitted to the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Dentistry's Office of Research (D9-25). These packets **must** include:

- Completed University Scholars application form.
- A typed summary of your proposed research project, maximum one page (both a hard copy and an electronic copy).
- A supporting letter from the faculty mentor.
- An official copy of the student's undergraduate transcripts, including a cumulative GPA.
- If the applicant's official transcript shows that they are at a senior level, they must provide a statement saying that they will not earn their bachelor's degree before December 2008 and will participate in the 2010 Spring Symposium.

Selection Process

Five College of Dentistry awards will be given. Awardees will be selected by the College of Dentistry's [Research Committee](#) and the Associate Dean for Research. The student and faculty mentor will be notified of the selection by the end of March, 2009.

Stipends and Travel

Selected University Scholars will be awarded a \$2,000 stipend. The actual allocation of funds will occur in the beginning of summer (\$1,000) and in late September (\$1,000). Students must be registered for at least one credit at UF during Summer A or C to be paid a stipend. An additional \$500 will be available to the student for research support, such as travel to a relevant scholarly conference, where results from their research may be presented. This is not mandatory, unless required by the faculty mentor.

Expectations and Requirements during the University Scholars Program

- Students must begin their research at the start of the 2009 summer semester (an exact time commitment should be discussed with student mentors prior to submitting an application). Research must be conducted for the entire summer semester, and must continue throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. The College of Dentistry requires that students take a 1-3 hour general topics (IDH4905) course during the summer while working on their scholars' project. Students must register for this course in the College of Dentistry's Office of Education (273-5950, D3-011, Dental Tower).
- Students must complete the online profile and project description form at <http://web.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/jur/jurprojectform.html> and have their photo taken by August 1, 2009, as required by the USP program.
- Students must be in good standing to receive the second portion of the stipend in late September. To be in good standing, the USP program should have all profile information and a positive progress report from the faculty mentor.
- Students must maintain a current e-mail account and be informed about updates for the USP on that e-mail account.
- Students must complete all requirements for **both** the College of Dentistry and the UF Scholars Program. Any requirements set by the college are in addition to those required by the UF Scholars Program.

Presentation and Publication of Research Projects

The [UF Scholars Program](#) requires that [participating students](#) present an oral presentation in panel format or a poster presentation in the Research Symposium in Spring of 2010. Students who do not submit a paper to the JUR, publish in another appropriate journal, or present their research at the spring symposium, must submit a final report that outlines the challenges and successes of the research project. The final report must be approved by the faculty mentor and submitted to Melissa Johnson, USP Administrator, 118 Hume Hall, by May 1, 2009.

The [College of Dentistry's requirements](#) are more stringent than the UF Scholars Program and must be adhered to.

- UF Scholars students in the College of Dentistry are **required** to present their research at a special University Scholars Research Symposium that takes place in the spring. They may also present at a national/international meeting of their mentor's choice.
- UF Scholars students in the College of Dentistry are **required** to submit a paper for publication in the *Journal of Undergraduate Research*, in an established scientific journal related to their mentor's field of research, or both (if the scientific journal does not prohibit). Whatever method of publication is chosen, a copy of the submitted paper must be provided to the Associate Dean for Research (D9-25) in the College of Dentistry.

Reception for Students and Faculty

The annual University Scholars Program reception will be held on Friday evening prior to the Research Symposium at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the UF Cultural Plaza. The reception is only open to members of the University Scholars Program and their guests.

Questions

More information may be obtained from the College of Dentistry's Office of Research by calling (352) 392-9778 or by email at kanusavice@dental.ufl.edu or moore@dental.ufl.edu.

[Participating Faculty Mentors](#) and [University Scholars Program](#)