

## **AUGUSTANA UNDERGRADUTE RESEARCH AND ARTIST FELLOWSHIP AWARDS (AURAFa)**

Augustana College is pleased to announce the creation of a program that helps fund undergraduate research and creative endeavors that take place outside of the classroom environment. This award is intended to fund research expenditures, supplies and materials for artistic projects, and travel for students to present scholarly and/or creative works at regional and national conferences and events.

**Mission:** This AURAFa program is designed to bolster the college's commitment to promoting undergraduate academic excellence that moves beyond the classroom, promotes independent student inquiry, and encourages students to engage with a larger forum of knowledge dissemination.

### **GUIDELINES FOR AURAFa**

- 1) Students may apply for up to \$500 per AURAFa award.
- 2) Funds for research and artistic support are limited to material goods and fees necessary for the work to take place. Funds cannot be used to cover student stipends. Funds for travel can be used to cover costs of transportation, registration fees, and lodging at the event.
- 3) Students must have been selected to present their research and/or creative works at a regional or national scholarly conference or event prior to applying for an AURAFa that will go towards travel expenses.
- 4) Students must have an Augustana faculty sponsor for the award request. This faculty member will ensure that the project or the participation at the conference/event fulfills the mission of the awards program and that the expenditures are reasonable. However, the student does not need to work with or under the guidance of an Augustana faculty member (e.g., research with an off-campus mentor).
- 5) Applications for AURAFa are rolling, but students must apply for the award no later than one month prior to the start of the project or event.
- 6) Awards will be treated as fellowships and will be paid directly to the student via direct deposit. Awards will be included in your 1098-T form.
- 7) A student may only receive AURAFa twice during their Augustana tenure.
- 8) The completed award request form should be turned in to the RSA committee chair (Dr. Mark Larson, Biology Dept., mklarson@augie.edu), **along with a detailed expense sheet that indicates the cost of needed materials, supplies, fees and/or travel expenses and a confirmation that indicates acceptance to present or perform at the conference/event (if applicable)**. Pdf or paper copies are accepted.
- 9) Applications must be submitted during the academic year, but can be used for work or travel during the summer months.
- 10) It is expected that other funds available to students (e.g., grants) be used prior to applying for an AURAFa.
- 11) Provided the requests meet the guidelines, awards will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis

**AUGUSTANA UNDERGRADUTE RESEARCH AND ARTIST FELLOWSHIP AWARD (AURAF A)  
APPLICATION FORM (to be completed by the student)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of previously awarded AURAF A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference or event (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date(s) of conference/event or research/creative endeavor period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount requested:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment date requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of conference/event and/or research/creative endeavor (attach additional sheet as needed):**

**Students:** "I affirm that by participating in this program I will represent Augustana to the best of my abilities and I will take full advantage of the funded endeavor."

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Sponsor:** "I affirm that funding this student will further the mission of the AURAF A program."

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved Fellowship Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RSA Committee Chair Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date :** \_\_\_\_\_