

Simpson Interdisciplinary Research Grant

Mission Statement

The aim of the Simpson Interdisciplinary Research Grant (SIR Grant) is to involve departments in all academic divisions of the College in research, to serve the college through the cultivations of new and unique projects that exemplify the core purpose and academic diversity of the liberal arts education. Additionally, bringing together faculty and students from different areas of study to create a larger culture of interdisciplinary research on campus and increase experiential learning opportunities for students under the guidance of Simpson faculty.

Criteria for SIR Grant

Small group projects must

- Have a research component
- Include Simpson students as researchers
- Have a faculty sponsor(s) advising/coordinating the research
- Produce a final report, which incorporates 2 or more areas of academic study (i.e. history and mathematics).

Note: Faculty participants may be two or more faculty members from different departments working toward a common research goal or one faculty incorporating two areas of study for a single research goal.

Grant Awards

SIR Grants are for a maximum of \$3000. Applications for Small Group Research Grants are to be completed by a Simpson College faculty. In the application, the role of Simpson student researchers and the tie to the mission of the SIR Grant in the academic research must be evident. The award can be used to fund the research process (e.g. photocopying, mailing expenses, supplies, travel to and from the research site, equipment, computer software, travel to libraries). Grant proposals may also include in the \$3000 award up to \$500 stipend for each faculty and up to \$500 total for travel to a conference to present research results.

Grant proposals are due September 25 for research occurring in the following spring semester or summer. Grant proposals are due January 29th for research occurring in the summer or in the following fall semester. Funds permitting, grant will be considered after the deadline. A faculty committee will review all proposals.

Application Requirements

Each grant proposal should contain the following

- Name, phone number, and email address of faculty sponsor(s)
- Description of the Simpson student researcher's role in the study.
- Project narrative that includes
 - Title of the Project
 - An overview of the project
 - How the project fits into the mission of SIR

- A description of the final research product (paper, poster, painting, CD, presentation, etc.)
 - How the project results will be communicated to others
- Project timeline
- Project budget that clearly connects expenses to the research process. (Note that the expenses for a project must all be incurred during one Simpson College fiscal year.)

Submit grant proposals electronically to the Co-Directors of Undergraduate Research (undergradresearch@simpson.edu).