

## Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Research Journal

### Objective:

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The objective of this proposal is to gain the approval and secure funding for the establishment and publication of an annual undergraduate research journal at OSU, which will draw greater attention to OSU's thriving research programs already in place.

### Model:

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The model for this proposal is *Inquiry: The University of Arkansas Undergraduate Research Journal*, which has been published annually since 2000. (See examples)

### Benefits:

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- Encourages undergraduate research by
  - recognizing and rewarding the achievement of top students
  - recognizing the contributions of faculty mentors
  - advancing the academic careers of student researchers with publication opportunities
- Aids in the recruitment of top students by
  - highlighting research opportunities available for motivated students
  - increasing the visibility of Wentz, Niblack and Honors College programs
  - increases the chances of OSU acquiring a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and higher level recognition

### Execution:

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#### Spring:

1. Students will be required to submit: 1) a condensed (one page) version of a research paper completed at OSU under the guidance of an OSU faculty member and 2) a comment sheet from the faculty member who directed the research project.
2. An editorial board with members representing all six OSU colleges on the Stillwater campus will serve as the selection committee for the journal. Three submissions will be selected from each of the following three categories: 1) Arts and Humanities, 2) Social Sciences and Business, and 3) Sciences and Engineering.
3. The 9 students selected for inclusion in the journal will be awarded a \$500 scholarship at the Scholar Development and Recognition Reception in the spring.
4. Students selected for inclusion will be required to submit a final 5 page version of their research paper for publication.

#### Summer/Fall:

5. The journal will be edited, printed and distributed.
- Possible essay submission sources: 1) Wentz research projects, 2) Niblack research projects, 3) Honors College thesis projects, 4) Freshman Research Scholars projects, 5) College/Dept. research program projects, 6) Independent/Directed Study projects

### Cost:

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- Nine \$500 student scholarships = \$4,500.00
- Printing approximately 76 pages = \$2,700.00 (see attached estimate)

Total: \$7,200.00