LBC Undergraduate Research Support Program

Up to five $1,000 awards are funded each Fall and Spring Semester. Three $3,000 awards are funded for Summer semester. Funds from these awards are primarily to be used for student stipends; exceptions should be explained and justified. Awards will be released when the mentor informs the Administrative Coordinator, Cara Ballinger, that the student has initiated their project. Student awardees and their mentors are required to file a brief assessment report as a follow-up to their projects.

Each award requires a sponsoring department or faculty mentor to contribute $200/semester (Fall and Spring) or $400 (Summer), either from a research grant or from a general funds account. The rest of the award will be provided from LBC funds.

Eligibility: Any student in Lyman Briggs College can apply. Awards will be selected on the basis of both merit and financial need.

Application Procedure: In addition to filling out the following application, please write a 1-2 page description of your research project and proposed use of the funds. Include a description (in your own words) of the specific research goals (i.e., expected outcomes of the research) and professional development goals (i.e., how this experience will contribute to your career aspirations) for the project. If applicable, mention any previous research experience.

Criteria for Selection: The committee will consider the following characteristics when selecting the recipients of the LBC Undergraduate Research Support Program: quality of the research proposal, relevance to proposed career field or graduate education, financial need, and grade point average. Priority will be given to the applicants working with LBC faculty, although others are encouraged to apply. Preference will also be given to undergraduates who have not previously received funding or pay for performing research in an MSU lab. Candidates should briefly address these criteria in their proposals.

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MSU Email Address________________________________________
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**Research Advisor**
Name______________________________________________________
Title_______________________________________________________
Department_______________________________________________
Phone_____________________________________________________
Campus Address____________________________________________
MSU Email_______________________________________________
Research Project Title:

Time Commitment (hours/week) ___________

Semester for which funds are requested: Fall_____ Spring____ Summer____

Funds to be used for (please provide budget with breakdown). Examples should include LBC Research Symposium or UURAF.

Meeting or Event at which results will be presented:

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Signatures:

Student ___________________________ Date ___________

Research Advisor ________________________ Date ___________

Research Unit Chair/Director/Dean ___________ Date ___________

The student signature authorizes LBC to review financial need status with the Office of Financial Aid.

The signatures of the Research Unit Chair/Director and Research Advisor certify that the required matching funds will be provided by the Unit.

A letter of support from the research advisor and a one-two page description of the research, and any previous experience by the student must accompany this application. Incomplete applications will result in a delay or denial of the application.
After completing all of the application materials, print your completed application and submit the full packet to:

Lyman Briggs College
Administrative Coordinator
Cara Ballinger
35 E. Holmes Hall
East Lansing, MI 48825

Applications must be received by the 10th day of Fall and Spring Semester, or by April 1st for Summer Semester.