

Office of Undergraduate Research

Call for Federal Work Study Research Projects

In order to improve the efficiency of the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program at IIT budgets have been assigned to various offices and departments on campus. The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) has received an FWS budget that will be used to support undergraduate research activities on campus. This serves as a request for faculty proposals for undergraduate research projects to be supported using these funds.

Closing Date

September 23, 2009 (11:59 PM).

Description

One of the primary goals of OUR is to promote high-level research activities for undergraduates on the IIT campus. The FWS funds provide an opportunity to increase the number of activities supported by OUR beyond the undergraduate fellowships program. Faculty interested in receiving FWS support for should submit projects through MyIIT. Students will submit applications to the OUR and rank up to three of the posted projects. Faculty members will then receive the applications for all students who rank their projects. The faculty member will select the student they believe is most appropriate for their research. Faculty are welcome to interview students, contact references, and access student transcripts. Faculty cannot select a student who does not submit their application via the OUR. The faculty proposal and student application will then be reviewed jointly.

Cost Sharing

The FWS funds require a 25% match for every FWS proposal awarded. This match is expected to come from the individual investigator or department. In cases in which matching funds are not available the investigator should contact OUR in order to discuss options (undergrad_research@iit.edu). The Office of Undergraduate Research has an extremely limited budget so this should be a last resort.

Selection Criteria

The OUR hopes to fund as many undergrad research proposals as possible. However, if the total budget of proposed projects is above the OUR FWS budget than selection will be made by an undergraduate research committee. Selection criteria include:

- The availability of matching funds
- Quality of the research proposed and potential for undergraduate contribution
- Undergraduate interest and aptitude for research
- Faculty history as a mentor for undergraduate research projects

If all projects are not funded this will continue on a rolling basis.

Proposal Submission

Projects must be submitted online by accessing the Undergraduate Affairs Faculty System. The Undergraduate Affairs Faculty System can now be found as a MyIIT Channel. Please try adding the channel which can be found under the "Academics Category". Email bauserm@iit.edu of OUR (undergrad_research@iit.edu) if you need any assistance.

Student Requirements

Students supported through this program will have to submit reports at the end of the fall and spring semesters.