

NEW DCP INITIATIVES: DCP UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Request for Proposals

Introduction: The College of Design, Construction and Planning is pleased to announce an opportunity for DCP undergraduate students to engage with faculty to add research experience to their curriculum of study. Awarded students will receive support for participating in an ongoing or new research project under the supervision of a DCP faculty member.

Funding Provision: The College will provide two categories of funding:

- Undergraduate Students: Up to 10 awards of \$2500 (stipend) will be made to support research activities over a fall or spring semester, or a period of six weeks during summer.
- Faculty: Up to 10 awards of \$500 of research/travel support for mentoring a DCP undergraduate student researcher awarded support.

Funding will be available from July 1, 2017, and projects should start between this date and August 30, 2017.

Submission Details: For full consideration, proposals should be submitted by 5 p.m. ET on **January 27, 2017** to Theresa Sanchez (tsanchez@dcp.ufl.edu). Please include 'DCP UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE' in the subject line. Funding decisions will be made by February 24, 2017.

Proposals should be submitted in a single PDF file and should include the following:

1. *Personal Statement:* This should include a description of your interest in conducting research. How will this research experience impact your academic development?
2. *Project Description:* This should include project a) motivation, b) approach, and c) expected outcomes. This should be no more than 2 pages in length.
3. *Letter of Support:* Please provide a letter of support from your faculty research mentor.

Proposal Review Criteria: Proposals will be reviewed by an ad-hoc committee of three professors from within the College. The ad-hoc committee will provide funding recommendations to the Dean and Associate Deans, who will make final funding decisions. Review criteria for proposals include the following:

- Technical quality of the proposal;
- Capacity of the student to successfully complete the proposed work;
- Adherence to the proposal guidelines and criteria.

Final Reporting Requirements: Students are required to submit a final project report within one month of the project end date. Final reports will be limited to four pages and should include the following:

- Project accomplishments (including research findings and impacts, publications, presentations at conferences and workshops, etc. as appropriate);
- Research poster for submission to the DCP Research Symposium;
- Formal presentation of research project and findings at the DCP Research Symposium.

Publications resulting from projects should acknowledge support from the DCP Undergraduate Research Experience Program.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to Dr. Abdol Chini (Acting Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Facilities), Email: chini@ufl.edu