



The Junior Fellows Program in the Life Sciences *At the University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Program Description

The year long Jr. Fellows Program supports the research of outstanding Seniors majoring in the life sciences. Each Jr. Fellow will receive a \$1,000 award and take part in a 1 credit course that will involve discussion of their research projects as well as other topics in modern cell and molecular biology, neuroscience, biomedicine, and research ethics. Junior Fellows play a central role in organizing the UMass Undergraduate Science Research Symposium in the Spring semester. Each Fall and Spring semesters will conclude with a public poster or seminar session.

Eligibility:

Students eligible to apply to the Jr. Fellows Program include life science majors in their Junior year with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. *****PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST BE A SENIOR DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY*****

Deadlines:

Applications should be completed and turned in by Monday, May 4 to the **HHMI Undergraduate Science Program Office** (241D Integrated Sciences Building). Selection notification will be made by May 15th.

Application Details

There are four parts to the application that must be completed for full consideration:

1. The Student Application Form.
2. The personal statement: This essay is a very important part of the application. Please write a one to two page essay (of no more than 1500 words) describing your research interests, academic history, career goals, and any other experiences that will help us assess your application.
3. A 1-2 page summary of your proposed research project for the year.
4. Unofficial copy of your transcript. This can be downloaded from your SPIRE account and printed and attached to the Student Application Form. Please note that any editing of your transcript is considered fraudulent and will immediately disqualify you from admission to the program.
5. A letter of reference from your Faculty Sponsor (the lab you will be working in during the year) and a second letter of reference. The second letter should be from someone who can comment on your academic abilities and aptitude for research. If you do not already have a faculty research sponsor, you are responsible for finding one who is willing to supervise your research project in his/her lab for the duration of the year. Give a recommendation form to your two faculty references and have them return them to you for you to include with your application package.

The complete package can be dropped off at the HHMI Undergraduate Science Program in room 241D Integrated Science Building. It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete. You will not be notified if any part of your application package is missing



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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Name _____
(Last, First and MI)

Major _____ **Major G.P.A.** _____ **Cumulative G.P.A.** _____

SPIRE ID: _____

Campus Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Permanent Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Mentor Full Name (Laboratory) and Dept. _____

Mentor Campus Phone _____

Signature _____

By signing above, you attest that all the information contained in this application is true.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

The student named below asks that you provide a letter of reference in connection with his/her application to the Junior Fellows Program. Please complete the following form and place it in an envelope that you sign across the sealed flap. This letter should be returned to the student to turn in with his/her completed application package.

The application deadline is May 4.

We thank you for your time and effort.

Student's Name _____ (filled in by applicant)

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation; the University of Massachusetts may, therefore, consider it confidential.

Signature of Applicant (Optional) _____

Your overall evaluation of this student, compared to others at a comparable academic level.

Table with 6 columns: Outstanding (top 1%), Excellent (top 5%), Very Good (top 15%), Good (top 30%), Average, Below Average

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Your Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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