Call for Proposals: Faculty Supervisors, Jackman Scholars-in-Residence 2022

Jackman Scholars-in-Residence (SiR) is pleased to invite applications for faculty supervisors for SiR 2022, which will run from May 2 to 27, 2022, with 20 in-person projects at UT St George, UTM, and UTSC, and an additional small online-only session for projects with international scope. SiR is a 4-week research residency for upper-year undergraduates who work for 20 hours/week on faculty-led research projects. SiR provides the student RAs with stipends, residence rooms, partial board, and (in their non-RA time) a program of research-focused workshops, excursions, and roundtable discussions.

Benefits to supervisors: The SiR program provides you with 5 outstanding paid RAs to work on your project for the 4 weeks of the program. In addition, SiR supervisors receive $2,000 in research funds from the Jackman Humanities Institute to support the activities of their research team. SiR handles the student application process centrally and supervisors select their research teams with the guidance of the Advisory Committee. Faculty should be prepared to provide active supervision of their research teams throughout the 4-week project period. Since its inception in 2016, Scholars-in-Residence has nurtured a close-knit, multidisciplinary, intergenerational community of researchers. Faculty supervisors consistently report positive experiences of participating in the program and are frequently astounded by the results achieved by their undergraduate RA teams.

Research- and teaching-stream faculty in any unit affiliated with the JHI are invited to submit proposals: the Faculties of Arts & Science, Architecture, Education, Information, Law, Music, UTM, and UTSC. We invite proposals for in-person, campus-based work in small research teams. Projects should fall within the JHI’s broad interpretation of the “Humanities” (including political theory, interpretive social science, education, music, architecture, and the arts). Selection criteria are the scholarly merit of the research proposal, the rationale for including undergraduate researchers in the project, and the expected benefit to students. In accordance with the University of Toronto’s priority of providing research opportunities for undergraduates, SiR aims to assist faculty in integrating undergraduate RAs into grant-funded projects. If you can commit grant funds to support your undergraduate RAs, please specify the amount (up to $5,000) your proposal. Commitment of grant funds is not required and is not a selection criterion, but it will help overall to accommodate more projects and students.

NEW in 2022: Online/International SiR Pilot Project. SiR 2022 plans to pilot a separate session of up to 5 online-only projects with accompanying online group sessions. Online projects are expected to draw on the flexibility of the virtual format for international research. Team members including faculty and student participants, guest speakers, and affiliated international research teams may be based remotely; there is no residence component for the online session. If you are proposing an online-only project, please specify the benefits for the international scope of the research as this will be one of the selection criteria.

Procedure: Proposals consist of a current CV and a 1-2 page Research Project Description that includes:
- Specific information on the role of the student RAs and the benefit to students;
- Whether you are proposing a regular in-person SiR project OR an online/international project;
- The proposed commitment of grant funds to support student RAs (if applicable).

For questions and to submit proposals, please e-mail the SiR Project Manager, Ira Wells: ira.wells@utoronto.ca. The deadline for proposals is Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Applicants will be notified of a decision by Thursday, December 16, 2021.