Call for Proposals: Faculty Supervisors, Jackman Scholars-in-Residence 2020

The Jackman Scholars-in-Residence (SiR) program is pleased to invite applications for faculty supervisors for SiR 2020, which will run from May 4 to 29, 2020. SiR is a 4-week research residency for upper-year undergraduates who work for 20 hours/week on faculty led research projects. Students live in residence, share meals, and (in their non-RA time) participate in research-focused workshops, excursions, and roundtable discussions. Ten research groups will run on the St George campus, 5 at UTM, and 5 at UTSC.

Benefits to supervisors: The SiR program provides you with 5 outstanding paid RAs for the 4 weeks of the program. In addition, SiR supervisors receive $2,000 in research funds from the JHI 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. Supervisors 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 humanities scholars. Faculty supervisors have consistently reported positive experiences of participating in the program and been astounded by the results achieved by their undergraduate RA teams.

Eligibility and selection criteria: 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. Projects should fall within the JHI’s broad interpretation of the “Humanities” (including political theory, interpretive social science, music, 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. Therefore, SiR encourages supervisors’ commitment of grant funds to continue supporting undergraduate RAs beyond the project period and this commitment may be taken into account in project selection, when appropriate.

Procedure: Applications 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 on the proposed commitment of grant funds to support student RAs after the SiR period, where possible. Ten proposals will be selected to take place on the St George Campus, 5 at UTM, and 5 at UTSC. For questions and to submit applications, please e-mail the SiR Project Manager, Ira Wells: ira.wells@utoronto.ca.

Deadline: The deadline for applications was originally 27 November 2019 but now has been extended to 11 December 2019. Applicants will be notified of a decision by Thursday, December 19, 2019.