Call for Proposals: Faculty Supervisors, Jackman Scholars-in-Residence 2021

The Jackman Scholars-in-Residence (SiR) program is pleased to invite applications for faculty supervisors for SiR 2021, which will run from **May 3 to 28, 2021** at UT St George, UTM, and UTSC. SiR is a 4-week research residency for upper-year undergraduates who work for 20 hours/week on faculty-led research projects. Students normally live in residence, share meals, and (in their non-RA time) participate in 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.

**Modality and selection criteria:** We invite proposals that involve campus-based work in small research teams. Based on strong student demand for in-person experiential learning opportunities and the uniqueness of Scholars-in-Residence as a residential research experience, we are planning for an in-person SiR program in May 2021 (circumstances permitting). Depending on the evolution of public health guidelines in the coming months, SiR 2021 may include a mix of in-person and online research activities. Proposals should therefore include a statement on whether the research could be moved entirely or partially online if necessary, and whether there are components that would benefit from being online (for instance, due to international reach and accessibility).

**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.

**Procedure:** Proposals consist of a current CV and a 1-2 page Research Project Description that includes specific information on (a) the role of the student RAs; (b) the viability of running the project online, if necessary; (c) the proposed commitment of grant funds to support student RAs after the SiR period, where possible. **For questions and to submit proposals, please e-mail the SiR Project Manager, Ira Wells: ira.wells@utoronto.ca.**

**Deadline:** The deadline for proposals is **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**. Applicants will be notified of a decision by Thursday, December 17, 2020.