

**Department of Economics
Request for Proposals**

Economics Undergraduate Research Assistant Program

Purpose: This RFP process will allocate Economics Undergraduate Research Assistant Program funding available in summer of 2018. The Program provides undergraduate economics majors direct experiential learning opportunity in economic research under faculty guidance. Our aim is to facilitate students' achievement of their educational and career goals through a mentored program that develops intellectual capacity and practical skills. The Program will improve a student's ability to undertake independent research. Our Program is committed to achieving three goals: (1) enrich students' learning experience, (2) increase the value of their degrees, and (3) expand their classroom experiences into the hands-on practice of economic research. This program will develop innovative professionals who will be attractive to future employers and graduate programs.

Students will get hands-on experience in how to conduct research in economics. They will learn about how to design a research question and how to implement a strategy to address the question; they will focus on learning specific research skills; they will acquire and improve their knowledge of scientific software; they will get a deeper understanding of data collection and data management techniques; they will learn how to participate in a research project as a member of a research team, and they will learn how to communicate the results of the research effectively.

Deadline for Submissions: Electronic submissions are due on or before February 1, 2018 in the Department of Economics, finnoff@uwyo.edu with copy to jramses@uwyo.edu.

Notification of Awards: On or before March 1, 2018.

Submissions: For complete consideration submissions shall include:

- Signed letter addressed to the Department Chair, Department of Economics that includes a statement of intent to apply to the research assistant program.
- A one-page proposal using the outline provided for the summer research project.

Review Process:

Submissions will be reviewed individually by the Department Chair, the Department Director of Undergraduate Studies, and a task group of Economics Faculty. The review will be followed by a collaborative discussion of the submissions with an opportunity for revision if necessary. Final decision on the awards will be made by the Department Chair, in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Notice of awards will be provided in writing.

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Supply the requested information clearly and concisely. The limit is one page.

- 1. Name and address.**
- 2. Proposed research project.** Please explain the proposed research project for the research assistant program.
- 3. Proposed faculty mentor.**
- 4. Proposed research plan.** Describe how the proposed research will be conducted throughout the summer. Please focus on the specific research activities.
- 5. Proposed research and learning outcomes.** List specific research and learning outcomes. Please relate learning outcomes to specific research activities listed in the research plan. Clearly state how the outcomes of the research will be documented in terms of a paper, report, or another document.