Horowitz Undergraduate Research Fellowship Application

Academic Year Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Department of Biological Sciences

**NOTE: Research must be performed in the Dept. of Biological Sciences.**

The fellowship is open to students who have already completed a substantial amount of research and intend to continue performing research during the 2017-18 academic year.

*Applicants should not have other employment or fellowship.*

The fellowship is available to a student who has completed a substantial amount of research. The student is expected to work a minimum of twelve hours per week in the lab during the academic year and present a poster at the Spring Undergraduate Poster Session and a talk at the departmental Spring Undergraduate Research Talks. The stipend is $3000 for the academic year with $500 for supplies. Completion of payroll paperwork is required for stipend. The student must have a social security number.

**Instructions:**

1) Please **type** your application in this electronic format. **Save** as your name\_horowitz2017.

2) Email to [nkaufman@pitt.edu](mailto:nkaufman@pitt.edu):

* The completed application file your name\_horowitz2017.
* PDF of your unofficial or official University transcript your name\_transcript.pdf
* Fall Academic Schedule as a chart including 1) all courses 2) when you will do your research and 3) all other extracurricular commitments including volunteering, sports, etc. saved as your name\_fall schedule2016.

Email to submit your application by **Monday** **September 11 at 9 am**.

3) Ask **two** faculty members to submit letters of recommendation regarding your potential as a scientist to [nkaufman@pitt.edu](mailto:nkaufman@pitt.edu). One letter must come from your laboratory research advisor.

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**CURRENT Undergraduate Researchers**

*Please type your application*

# Full Name (first, MI, last):

# Contact Email:       (please give your university @pitt.edu account NOT a private account)

PeopleSoft ID #:

Local Phone #:

Local Address:

Permanent Home Address:

Expected Graduation Date (month/year):

List the majors, minors, or certificates that you are considering (please note if declared):

Number of academic credits expected for fall term

Faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences in whose laboratory the research will be done? (ex. Dr. Karen Arndt):

Who else will write you a recommendation letter for this fellowship?

How many semesters/ summers have you worked in this laboratory doing research?

How many semesters/ summers have you worked in this laboratory doing work other than research?       Briefly explain if applicable:

**Do you qualify for federal work study?**

Insert a 250 word research abstract on your work here (do not exceed 250 words):

**1. Research Proposal.** *2 page maximum double-spaced 11-12 point font.* Briefly, and *in your own words,* describe your research project. Explain the larger goals, relevance, and specific aims of this laboratory project as you might justify it to an outside funding agency. **You should make clear your role in this work, specifying what you have already done, learned and what you expect to accomplish each semester during the funding period of the academic year.**

**2. Research-focused personal statement.** *2 page maximum double-spaced 11-12 point font.* This statement should explain why you are interested in research including how you got interested in research, what careers you are most considering after university, and how the undergraduate research fellowship might help you to narrow your choices or pursue these goals. Model this on a personal statement you would write for a biology graduate school application.