

ADDENDUM TO THE PROPOSER GUIDE FOR SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

I. Summary of Fellowship Programs

ETSU Summer Fellowships

Funded by the Honors College and the Office of the Provost, the ETSU summer fellowship program can be summarized as follows:

- Student scholarship amount of \$3,000
- Up to an additional \$500 for supplies
- Students must enroll in at least 1 cr hr during a summer session, typically *Independent Study* under the student's faculty mentor
- Scholarship is disbursed via the Office of Financial Aid
- The duration of the project and hours for work are arranged between the student and faculty mentor

Society Fellowships

Funded by a grant from the *Charles Koch Foundation* to support studies of free societies and factors that contribute to well being, a new summer fellowship program is available that can be summarized as follows:

- Student stipend amount of \$4,500
- Faculty mentor honorarium of \$750
- No funds are available for supplies
- Students need not enroll in any coursework over the summer
- Students are expected to work for 10 weeks in the summer, as arranged with the faculty mentor
- Funds are disbursed to the student in 3 equal payments: once in the 1st week, once after the 5th week, with final payment following the 10th week
 - The first and second payments are made at the request of the Faculty Mentor (and approved by the Director)
 - The third payment is made only after the submission (by the student) and approval (by the Director) of the student's final report (see Section III)

II. Proposals for Society Fellowships

The Society Fellowship program is funded through the generosity of the *Charles Koch Foundation* (www.charleskochfoundation.org). The vision of the Foundation is, "Supporting the study of free societies and the ideas, institutions, and values that maximize well-being".

While open to proposals from any discipline, awardees of Society Fellowships should address, in some form, scholarship pertaining to the theme outlined by the Foundation's vision. The Foundation website states, "We're currently interested in pressing issues that affect societal well-being, and discovering solutions to complex problems requires a diversity of ideas and research." As examples, the Foundation has identified the following broad areas of interest (which should not be considered exhaustive):

- Foundations of well-being
- Corporate welfare reform
- Toleration and free speech
- Foreign policy
- Criminal justice and policing reform
- Technology and innovation
- Economic freedom

It is possible that Society Fellowships address work that is multi-disciplinary in nature.¹

How are proposal submissions for Society Fellowships distinct from ETSU Summer Fellowships?

1. ETSU Summer Fellowships are open to any discipline and may address any area of scholarship.
2. Society Fellowships are open to any discipline; the project must in some way explicitly address the vision of the Charles Koch Foundation.
3. Proposals for either program should follow the instructions provided under the **Guidelines** link at www.etsu.edu/honors/ug_research/funding/fellowships.php.
4. The application form has a question to which program a student is applying. Select either the Society Fellowship, the ETSU Summer Fellowship, or both. The selection of "both" means that a proposal will first be considered for a Society Fellowship; but if not selected, the proposal will be considered for an ETSU Summer Fellowship.

III. Final Reports for Society Fellowships

As compared to ETSU Summer Fellowships, a far more in-depth report is expected and required from awardees of Society Fellowships. This point is emphasized by the fact that *the third and final payment of funds to student awardees is predicated on both the submission AND the approval of the student report.*

¹ For example, a topic such as "challenges and opportunities for free societies in colonizing Mars" could involve more narrowly focused considerations involving politics, jurisprudence, economics, sociology, and/or technology.

Although expectations vary between disciplines, as a rule of thumb, the writing of the final report for Society Fellowships is expected to be at the level of a conference proceedings. This is more rigorous than expected of reports for the ETSU Summer Fellowships, but less rigorous than submissions to scholarly journals, which are peer-reviewed.

There is no peer-review of final reports for Society Fellowships; however, the faculty mentor is expected to be a co-author.

For reference, student awardees of Society Fellowships may wish to peruse submissions to the many excellent undergraduate journals at:

www.cur.org/resources/students/undergraduate_journals/

This site, maintained by the *Council for Undergraduate Research*, lists journals that can have a disciplinary focus (such as the arts, the humanities, or the sciences); several journals are multi-disciplinary in scope. Bear in mind that the article submissions for these undergraduate journals are often peer-reviewed and can sometimes be rather long. For the Society Fellowship reports, emphasis is not on length, but on quality; reports should have sufficient length to address appropriately the sections noted below.

Although specifically for astronomy articles, JSARA at jsara.org provides examples of the kind of articles that reports for Society Fellowships might mimic, broadly speaking. The reports should contain the following elements:

- *Title*
- *Names* (the student and faculty mentor, at minimum)
- *Affiliation(s)*
- *Abstract*
- *Introduction* section
- *Additional Sections* (as needed)
- *Summary or Conclusion* section
- *Acknowledgements* (typically funding source[s], but possibly also acknowledgements of contributors who are not authors, or “resources”, such as databases crucial to the work)
- *Bibliography/References* (using a style recommended by the faculty mentor)

While reports for ETSU Summer Fellowships are shared internally within the Honors College and the Office of the Provost, reports for Society Fellowships will be provided to the *Charles Koch Foundation* and can have an impact for the continued funding of the program. In addition, a well-written report for the Society Fellowship could serve as a draft for submission to an undergraduate journal, which is certainly encouraged. Speak to your faculty mentor for guidance about submitting a manuscript to an undergraduate journal.

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