

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Teams (SURF IT) Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research

Pre-Proposal Application UNH FACULTY MENTORS JOINT LETTER OF SUPPORT

Student Applicants: Complete the top portion of this form before giving it to your UNH faculty mentors.

Title of Project:

List the NAME, MAJOR, and COLLEGE of each student team member:

List the NAME, DEPARTMENT, and COLLEGE of each UNH faculty mentor:

This form, along with a preliminary Letter of Support, must be attached to the original Pre-Proposal Application in a sealed, signed envelope. *Please do not submit letters of recommendation via campus mail.*

Pre-Proposal Application deadline is November 29, 2023.

To the UNH Faculty Mentors:

- I. In advising your student team, please review the SURF IT Faculty Mentor Memo available on the Hamel Center website at <https://www.unh.edu/undergrad-research/surf-interdisciplinary-teams-surf-it>
- II. In a joint Letter of Support (signed and on letterhead from at least one mentor's department), please respond to the following:
 1. Please comment on your consultations with the student team as they prepared the Pre-Proposal Application. Do you believe these meetings form a basis for a functional and constructive collaboration as the project unfolds?
 2. In your estimation, do you believe this student team will work well together? Do you believe their respective disciplinary backgrounds/experience/skill sets will complement each other when working toward shared research goals?
 3. What more do you believe the team needs to develop before the summer research period: both in terms of the project (e.g., research plan, approach/methodology) and in terms of student preparation?
 4. What plans do you have to work with the team during the spring semester to help them a) further hone their team research plan, and b) further develop their respective skill sets?
 5. What is the significance of the project and its potential value for the students?
 6. What is the relationship between the students' proposed interdisciplinary project and your own respective areas of research or expertise?
 7. Please describe your relationship with each other. (e.g., Have you worked together previously as colleagues? Are you current/previous research partners?) How do you anticipate working with each other in preparing the students (spring) and during the actual research period (summer)?

Note: This is a preliminary Letter of Support for the SURF IT Pre-Proposal Application. You will be asked to write a more comprehensive Letter of Recommendation in the spring, to be submitted with the full SURF IT proposal.

When signing your Letter of Support, you will be agreeing to the following statement:

"We have reviewed the student team's Pre-Proposal Application and the SURF IT Faculty Mentor Memo, and we agree to co-mentor this team-based, interdisciplinary project, if funded."

Please attach your Letter of Support to this cover sheet; place it in a sealed, signed envelope; and give it to the student team for submission to the Hamel Center with the complete Pre-Proposal Application.
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