To: Non-final year science students of 4-year curriculum

Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) and Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) Schemes 2017 for Science Students

Faculty of Science is now launching (1) Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) and (2) Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) Schemes to outstanding non-final year science students to gain research-based learning experience. To encourage more students to be benefited through the schemes, we are glad to inform you that both the stipend and opportunities available for students have been increased this year.

1. Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) Scheme

Students awarded with SRF are expected to work in the Faculty on a specific research project for at least 2 months during summer 2017. Successful applicants will be awarded with a stipend of HK$16,000 for their summer research work.

2. Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) Scheme

Students awarded with ORF are expected to conduct research projects under supervision by faculty members of overseas universities or institutions and an internal supervisor in HKU for at least 2 months during summer 2017. Successful applicants will be awarded a stipend of HK$16,000, plus airfare on a reimbursement basis.

Applicants of either scheme have to approach prospective supervisors for research opportunities and recommendations. Upon completion of the research, students are required to submit a report and conduct a poster presentation on the research work in September/October 2017. The best poster presenters will have to give a presentation at a research colloquium organized by the Faculty in September/October 2017.

Eligibility

Non-final year Science undergraduate students (both BSc and BSc (ActuarSc)) of 4-year curriculum are eligible to apply. Students are advised to approach their prospective supervisors for recommendation before submitting their applications. Applicants will be selected based on a) academic merits, b) quality of the research proposal and c) recommendation of the prospective supervisor.

To better prepare students for conducting research, students who participated or will participate in ORF/SRF must take SCNC3111 Frontiers of science honours seminar course. Course description can be found at http://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry?Type=Course&course_code=SCNC3111. Students should enroll the course in the 2nd semester of 2016-17 during the add/drop period if you have not done so.

Given the limited quotas and to allow more students to have this valuable research learning experience, past participants of SRF/ORF Schemes cannot apply for the same fellowship scheme which they had previously participated.

(Exception: Students pre-accepted to the ‘Young Scientist Scheme’ have been guaranteed of a place to participate in SRF in the summer after the completion of their first year of study, and have further opportunities to participate in other undergraduate research schemes (such as another SRF or ORF) in subsequent years subject to satisfactory academic performance.)

Recognition

Performance of students will be continually assessed by their research supervisor. The Faculty reserves the right to withdraw the fellowship offered to the students if their performances are unsatisfactory. Students who complete the project with satisfactory performance will be recognized in their academic transcript.

Application

Application form can be downloaded from http://www.scifac.hku.hk/files/ug/current/ug-research-exchange-others/research/experience/SRF_ORF_application_form_2017.doc. Completed application forms countersigned by the prospective supervisor have to be submitted with a recommendation letter and a research proposal (not more than 500 words on ONE A4 sized paper) to Ms Sarah Leong of the Faculty Office.

Deadline of application is February 20, 2017 (Monday). Late application will not be considered. Applicants may be invited to an interview.

Note for Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) Scheme:
1. Application will be confirmed upon the receipt of a recommendation letter from prospective supervisor.
2. Accepted applicants are reminded to ensure the validity of their passport, visa and insurance before engaging in the programme.

Interested students are invited to attend a briefing session of the SRF/ORF Schemes 2017 on January 18, 2017 (Wednesday) at 3:30 pm at JLG05, James Hsioung Lee Science Building. Please register at
https://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/ec_hdetail.aspx?ueid=47229. For enquiries, you can contact the Faculty Office by email science@hku.hk or phone 3917 2683.

Best regards
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