Werklund Undergraduate Research Awards – Terms of Reference

What are the Werklund Undergraduate Research Awards?

The Werklund School of Education believes that qualified undergraduate students should have the opportunity to experience research outside the classroom. Students may apply for a Werklund Undergraduate Research Award with a Werklund School of Education faculty member as their supervisor. They may also have a supervisor from a different faculty along with a co-supervisor from the Werklund School of Education (An Interfaculty Award).

Werklund Undergraduate Research Awards are designed to make it possible for undergraduate students to work with University of Calgary researchers to learn how research projects are developed and conducted, and how research results can contribute to new knowledge and to solving problems in related to educational issues in society. Each research experience is a unique opportunity to develop research skills, but also to explore personal research interests, and develop the abilities to collaborate, think critically and creatively, and communicate. This experience will enrich and extend undergraduate learning at the University of Calgary, and is particularly advantageous to those students who are intending to pursue graduate studies. However, as research skills are highly transferable to many professions, the Werklund Undergraduate Research Award will be beneficial to all students. Applications from students in the early stages of their programs are strongly encouraged.

Terms and Conditions

- Awards will be available for periods of 8 or 12 weeks to occur between May and August.
- Students must make a full-time commitment to their research during the period of the Werklund Undergraduate Research Award.
- No academic course credit will be awarded for work funded by the Werklund Undergraduate Research Award.
- Werklund Undergraduate Research proposals must originate with and be drafted chiefly by the student applicant.
- Student MUST apply for the PURE grant to be eligible for this award. The PURE grant must take precedence over the Werklund Undergraduate Research Award.
- Students who decline a Werklund Undergraduate Research Award may claim credit for an award on their curriculum vitae, noting that the award was declined.
- Students offered a Werklund Undergraduate Research Award will be required to accept or decline the offer by a date specified in the notification of the offer.
A final report of the student’s research must be submitted to the Undergraduate Programs in Education Awards Committee at upe@ucalgary.ca no later than September 15th, 2020.

Werklund Undergraduate Research Award holders may not simultaneously hold any relevantly similar award, such as the Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE), Undergraduate Student Research Program (USRP) in Health and Wellness, NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards for research in the natural sciences and engineering, O’Brien Centre Awards (with the exception of travel awards), Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) Summer Studentships for medical or health research. PURE Awards, in particular, must be accepted over the Werklund Undergraduate Research Award.

Research funded by a Werklund Undergraduate Research Award must comply with all University of Calgary guidelines concerning the conduct of research. In particular, all research that involved the use of human subjects must be reviewed and certified as acceptable by the appropriate University Research Ethics Board, and any research involving animals must be certified by the appropriate Animal Care Committee. The responsibility for adherence to these guidelines is jointly shared by the supervisor and recipient.

Who is Eligible

To be eligible to apply for a Werklund Undergraduate Research Award, students must:

- Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at the University of Calgary, in a Bachelor of Education degree program. Students who plan to graduate in June, are NOT eligible for a Werklund Undergraduate Research Award;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 in his/her current program;
- Have applied for the PURE award.

Submission Deadline: February 7, 2020
Werklund Undergraduate Research Award – Application Form

The Werklund School of Education Undergraduate Research Award provides $5,000 of financial support to Werklund School of Education undergraduate students to conduct research for 8 to 12 weeks to occur between May and August. The award supports students in their work with University of Calgary researchers to learn how research projects are developed and conducted, and how research results can contribute to new knowledge and solve problems in the field of education.

Applicant’s Name (student): ______________________________

Student’s Teachable Subject Area in Education: ______________________________

Supervisor’s Name: ______________________________

Supervisor’s UCalgary email address: ______________________________

Have you applied for the PURE Award: Yes    No

(NB: Applicants MUST apply for the PURE Award to be eligible for this research project. PURE Awards must take precedence over the Werklund Undergraduate Research Award)

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Deadline to Submit Full Report: September 15th, 2020
Title of Proposed Research Project

Overview/Abstract of the Research Project (Project Description)
Provide a short abstract or overview of the proposed research project related to an educational issue, including the objectives of the project. Please use language for a broad audience. (Maximum 300 Words)

Originality and Creativity
Highlight the originality and creative aspects of your research project. Please use language for a broad audience (Maximum 300 words)

Potential Benefit
Briefly explain the potential benefit this project will provide to you and to the field of Education (Maximum 200 words.)
Proposed Timeline

Please provide a proposed timetable for the proposed research (a table or succinct summary should be included), including a proposed start and end date.

Projected Knowledge Dissemination (Maximum 100 words)

Briefly explain where you plan to disseminate the findings of your research and to what audiences, e.g., public, students, educators in schools.

Please submit to:

Leanne Barham, upe@ucalgary.ca
Administrator, Undergraduate Awards Committee
Werklund School of Education

Student Signature _____________________________ Date _____________________________

Supervisor Signature _____________________________ Date _____________________________