

To: All First-Years, Sophomores, and Juniors (including adult students)
From: Summer Research Committee

The Randolph College Summer Research Program allows you to collaborate with a faculty member on a research project in our intensive summer program.

The 2010 program will be eight weeks in length, beginning on May 17, 2010 and ending on July 9, 2010. Students will receive stipends of \$2700 (before taxes) and, if they choose to live on-campus, will live in air conditioned rooms for \$70/week (singles, or doubles for \$35/week each, or possibly triples for \$23/week each).

In addition to engaging in scholarship with your faculty member, the Summer Research Program allows you a variety of opportunities to interact with other participants and outside scholars and to share your work with different audiences. In particular, the program offers:

- Multidisciplinary seminars and visits from outside speakers. Past activities have included lectures by scholars from different disciplines, graduate student panels, discussions of contemporary problems in the sciences and social sciences, and discussions of the research processes of different areas of study.
- Opportunities for social interaction and educational activities. Past activities have included volunteer service, field trips, Friday breakfasts with various campus departments, cook-outs, and trips to a beach or amusement park.
- A day-long public symposium of final student presentations.
- Encouragement for sharing the scholarship in the following academic year. The College has some money available to support SRP students' presentation of their research at regional and national conferences.

All current undergraduates (including adult students) who are returning to the College (or attending a study abroad program) in fall, 2010 are eligible for the program, and projects from all disciplines are encouraged. You must plan to be on campus for the majority of the eight weeks, with significant time away only for the research project.

You may also find it informative to talk to faculty and student participants from previous summers. More information, instructions on how to apply, and a list of past projects and participants can be found at: <http://www.randolphcollege.edu/summer/>

It is up to you, the student, to find a faculty member with whom to do research. If you are interested, be sure to ask every faculty member within your major, and consider asking faculty in other majors, too. You do not have to do research in your major.

Proposal instructions are attached to the faculty *call for proposals* (on the website). Proposals are prepared with the faculty member, and must be submitted electronically as an e-mail attachment to Peter Sheldon, Director of SRP, no later than Friday, February 12, 2010. The Committee will review proposals, and decisions will be declared no later than Friday, March 5, 2010.

Questions? Contact Professor Peter Sheldon at psheldon@randolphcollege.edu or extension 8488.