

# **Department of Economics**

## **Request for Proposal**

### **Economics Undergraduate Research Assistant Program**

Purpose: This Request for Proposal (RFP) process will allocate Economics Undergraduate Research Assistant Program funding available for the summer. The Program provides UW undergraduate economics majors direct experiential learning opportunity in economic research under faculty guidance.

Our aim is to facilitate students' achievement of their educational and career goals through a mentored program that develops intellectual capacity and practical skills. The Program will improve a student's ability to undertake independent research.

Our Program is committed to achieving three goals:

- Enrich students' learning experience,
- Increase the value of their degrees,
- Expand their classroom experiences into the hands-on practice of economic research.

This program will develop innovative professionals attractive to future employers and graduate programs.

Students will get faculty mentored, hands-on experience in how to conduct research in economics. You will learn how to design a research question and how to implement a strategy to address the question. You will focus on learning specific research skills and will acquire and improve your knowledge of scientific software. You will acquire a deeper understanding of data collection and data management techniques. Importantly, you will participate in a research project as a member of a research team, and will learn to communicate the results of the research effectively.

Deadline for Submissions: Electronic submissions are due on or before

**March 31st** in the Department of Economics Email to: [economics@uwyo.edu](mailto:economics@uwyo.edu) with copy to [tkjorsta@uwyo.edu](mailto:tkjorsta@uwyo.edu) [askiba@uwyo.edu](mailto:askiba@uwyo.edu)

Notification of Awards: On or before April 15th.

Submissions: For complete consideration submissions shall include:

1. A one-page proposal using the outline provided for the summer research project.

Review Process:

Submissions will be reviewed individually by the Department Chair, the Department Director of Undergraduate Studies, and a task group of Economics Faculty. The review will be followed by a collaborative discussion of the submissions with an opportunity for revision if necessary. Final decision on the awards will be made by the Department Chair, in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Notice of awards will be provided in writing.

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**College of Business**

Supply the requested information clearly and concisely. The limit is one page.

**1. Name and address.**

**2. Proposed research project.** Please explain the proposed research project for the research assistant program.

**3. Proposed faculty mentor.**

**4. Proposed research plan.** Describe how the proposed research will be conducted throughout the summer. Please focus on the specific research activities.

**5. Proposed research and learning outcomes.** List specific research and learning outcomes. Please relate learning outcomes to specific research activities listed in the research plan. Clearly state how the outcomes of the research will be documented in terms of a paper, report, or another document