

## **Guidelines for Department of Communication Undergraduate Research Grant**

### **Goal:**

This program is designed to encourage undergraduate student research and creative work outside of the classroom in an environment that fosters student/faculty interaction, encourages faculty scholarship, and that promotes Miami University through the public presentation or publication of the product.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Supported projects should involve research or creative work that goes beyond that required as class work, but may include independent study credit.
2. A member of the department faculty must endorse each proposal and serve as a mentor throughout the project.
3. Students submitting proposals should also apply for the Undergraduate Research Award available from the Undergraduate Research Committee. Information can be found at: <http://www.muohio.edu/UndergradResearch/>
4. Supported projects must be presented in either poster or panel form at Miami University's Undergraduate Research Forum. It should be the goal of the student to also have their project presented in some regional or national forum as well.
5. Applicants must obtain the necessary permissions including IRB approval for research involving Human Subjects.
6. We encourage all undergraduate students to apply; in the rare instance that all other factors are equal preference will be given to Communication majors.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be judged on the clarity and completeness of the project proposal, the perceived quality of the anticipated final product, the feasibility of completion, relevance of the project to the field of communication, the validity of the proposed method or creative approach to be employed, the intended end result of the project, the proposed budget, and the recommendation of the faculty mentor/advisor.