The Ohio State Chapter of Sigma Xi
Student Research Grants – 2014

The Ohio State Chapter of Sigma Xi solicits applications from graduate and undergraduate students for Grants-in-Aid of Research

Successful applicants will receive:

- A cash award of up to $300 for Undergraduate student proposals
- A cash award of up to $500 for Graduate student proposals
- Nomination for Associate Membership in Sigma Xi

Applications should include:

- A cover page with Project Title, Student’s name and name#, faculty sponsor’s name and name#.
- A two-page single-spaced non-technical synopsis of the proposed research, including a title, explicitly stated research questions set in the context of a larger body of theory, relevant previous work on the topic, proposed methods, significance of the proposed work, a proposed budget, and a listing of cited work. The budget and listing of literature may go beyond the 2-page limit, but tables and figures (if any) must be within the 2-page limit. The budget should specifically indicate how the GIAR support will be used to further the research.
- The applicant’s current CV, not to exceed two pages.
- A letter of support from one faculty member. This letter should address the significance of the proposed research, the quality of the student’s work, and the potential of the student as a future scientist. Faculty members should submit letters directly to the Ohio State Chapter of Sigma Xi (see below). The letter should be clearly identified with the name of the applicant.

Submissions not conforming to these requirements will not be considered.

The application should be sent electronically, in either PDF or Word format, by Wednesday, October 1, 2014, to Sigma_Xi@osu.edu, with GIAR in the subject line. Queries should be addressed to Dr. Lawrence Feth, at feth.1@osu.edu, or (614-292-1643).

Applications will be judged on the basis of (1) significance of the research, (2) quality of the research plan, (3) budget justification, 4) strength and specificity of the faculty sponsor’s letter of support, and (5) the applicant’s scientific potential. For helpful tips, please see http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/tip.shtml. (Note that a detailed budget justification is not as important for our chapter award as for an award from national Sigma Xi.)

DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 1, 2014