

2012 UNCG University Libraries Undergraduate Research Award

- ❖ The University Libraries Undergraduate Research Award is given in recognition of an outstanding University of North Carolina at Greensboro undergraduate research project by an individual or a group that best demonstrates the ability to locate, select, and synthesize information from library resources and uses those resources in the creation of an original research project in any media. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash prize funded by the University Libraries and awarded at the Undergraduate Honors Convocation in April, 2012.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate during Spring 2012 at UNCG in any discipline
- Have completed a research project for a credit course or supervised independent study at UNCG during the spring, summer, or fall semesters in 2011
- Agree to contribute a copy of their paper or project to the UNCG Institutional Repository
- Agree, if possible, to attend the Undergraduate Honors Convocation in April.

Application Requirements

Students may be nominated by a faculty member or submit his/her/their own project along with a letter from the supporting faculty member.

Student applicants must submit the following:

- A cover sheet with your contact information, the title and description of the project, the course and semester in which the project was completed, and the sponsoring faculty member's information
 - [Application Cover Sheet: Individual Projects](#)
 - [Application Cover Sheet: Group Projects](#)
- A nomination form and an accompanying letter of support from the supervising faculty member [Faculty Statement of Support of Student Application](#)
- A 500-750 word personal essay describing your research strategies and the library resources and staff used to complete your project. You can include information such as search strategies, what made a source valuable or less useful, etc. [Essay Guidelines](#)
- A bibliography of sources consulted following a publication style consistent with the discipline
- A copy of the completed paper or project in whatever format is appropriate

Evaluation Criteria

Successful projects will demonstrate:

- Sophistication, creativity, originality, and/or unusual depth or breadth in the use of library collections and resources including, but not limited to, print-based materials, databases, media, and electronic resources
- Exceptional ability to use these resources in the creation of an original research project
- Evidence of significant personal learning and growth in the development of research strategies
- Writing, including the essay, that has clarity, coherent organization and is grammatically correct
- Responsible use of information including appropriate and accurate citations and credits
- Papers must be written in English

Evaluation Committee

Submissions are evaluated by a panel of librarians and staff from the University Libraries.

Deadline for application: March 1, 2012

Notification of winner by March 31, 2012

Questions? Contact Nancy Ryckman, Committee Chair, 256-0345 or nbryckma@uncg.edu

Mail or deliver the complete application package by 5 pm, March 1 to:

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