The Faculty-Undergraduate Student Engagement (FUSE) program fosters active engagement in the areas of research, creative and/or scholarly activities, and/or artistic performances.

General Overview:
- All areas of research, creative activity, and artistic performance are eligible.
- Projects must be student-initiated, although the initial concept can originate from the faculty mentor.
- All undergraduate students in good academic standing who will reach at least sophomore status at the time of award can apply.

Award Information:
- Up to $3,000 that can be used as follows:
  - project-related expenses (including travel needed to carry out research)
  - student to travel to a conference to present results of the work
  - travel for the faculty member to accompany student to that conference
  - International FUSE projects receive an additional $1,000
- Scholarship for tuition for a one-hour course (if the course results in an increase in tuition)
- $500 awarded to the student upon successful completion of the project
- $1,000 from college to department of the faculty mentor – $500 for faculty’s professional development and $500 for the department to incentivize student-faculty research

Expected Outcomes:
- Student should take “UC 400: Mentored Research Experience” (coursework is the FUSE project itself).
- Student must present a poster or talk, or stage a performance or exhibit, at a national or regional conference, or other venue appropriate to the nature of the work.
- Student must contact the Office of Scholar Development to discuss scholarship options.
- Faculty member should submit publication(s), with appropriate authorship, based on the work.
- Student should participate in WKU’s annual REACH week held in the Spring.

Deadlines:
Applications are accepted twice a year. Calls for proposals are announced at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters.

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