

Erickson Research Award

The Erickson Research Award provides support for undergraduate students majoring in Math or Physics who are pursuing summer research in their field of study. Awards are set at \$5,000.

About the Award

Application Deadline

The priority deadline for this application is **February 15, 2024**. Rolling applications will be accepted until **March 1, 2024**. Apply through the application portal on the <u>Opportunity Funding web page</u>. For application instructions, see below.

Who is Eligible?

The following are general guidelines for this opportunity:

- Students must participate in summer research in Math or Physics.
- Research projects must be under the supervision of a Clark faculty member.
- Students must be returning to Clark University as a full-time undergraduate student in the fall semester following the Fellowship.

Criteria for Selection

The selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- The quality of the opportunity.
- The value and clear connection of the experience to future career goals.

If You Are Awarded: Award Requirements

• Attend the Summer Seminar series

Contact Information

Students interested in applying for the Erickson Research Award should feel free to contact the Math or Physics department offices for more information.



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Application Guidelines

Where to Apply

Applications will only be collected through the application portal on the Clark University website: <u>https://www.clarku.edu/opportunity-funding</u>.

Application Steps

- 1. Apply to the research position. Upload the application form (obtained from the Physics and Math departments) to the application portal in the last step.
- 2. Recommended: attend a funding information session and/or funding advising session.
- 3. Submit your application through the portal. Prepare to respond to the following in the Centralized Application Portal:
 - Your contact information
 - Emergency contact information
 - Major/minor/Year of graduation
 - Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver
 - Contact information of faculty supervisor for the project

After You Apply

Selection Process & Timeline

Review committees - comprising of faculty members from the Math and Physics departments - evaluate applications. All students who apply will be notified in **writing of the decision in March**.

Award Disbursement

Funds are typically disbursed in late May. It is possible, however, that you may not receive the award until early June, in which case you should plan accordingly to cover your expenses until then. **You will need to set up direct deposit with Student Accounts in order to receive your award.** Note that this authorization is separate from Payroll Direct Deposit. If you receive funding we will send you detailed instructions in your award letter to set up your direct deposit. If you have accepted another source of funding, you must notify <u>smoon@clarku.edu</u> immediately since this will affect the amount of funding you are eligible to receive.

Tax Information

Domestic students: No taxes are withdrawn pre-disbursement; however, you will be expected to claim this award on your annual taxes and this may impact your taxes due at that time. Please consult an accountant for more detail.

International students: International students, defined as students studying at Clark on a visa, will have some taxes deducted from their funding amount prior to receiving the funding; this means that the amount you receive will be less that the total award. The amount deducted depends on which country you are from, and the tax treaty that the US has with that country. Generally, expect about 12-15% of your total award withdrawn. Please see the Clark payroll office with specific questions about your tax amount.