Steinbrecher Fellowship Program

About the Fellowship
In 2005, the family and friends of Clark alumnus David C. Steinbrecher ’81 created the Steinbrecher Fellowship Program with a generous gift that established a permanent endowment in memory of David that provides fellowships for Clark undergraduates to pursue original ideas, creative research, and public service or enrichment projects. The Steinbrecher Fellowship awards, given to 8-10 students each year, range from $500 to $3,000. The Steinbrecher Fellowship also seeks to create and maintain a vibrant community of learners by bringing Fellows together with each other and with a small group of faculty mentors to share ideas, experiences, and intellectual excitement at dinners and other special gatherings several times during each academic year.

During the summer, Steinbrecher Fellows will participate in a professional development and reflection seminar led by the Career Connections Center. Fellows will receive guidance on speaking about their summer experience, about building networking connections, and will have the opportunity to reflect on the summer with their peers.

Eligibility
Students who have completed (or will have completed by the end of the current academic year) at least two semesters at Clark and plan to return to Clark for the coming year are eligible for the fellowships.

Criteria for Selection
Criteria for selection will include the originality or distinctiveness of the proposed project; the applicant’s potential for carrying out an excellent project; and the likely contribution of the project to enhancing the knowledge, understanding, and perspectives of the applicant and other Steinbrecher Fellows.

Further Information
Students interested in applying for a Steinbrecher Fellowship should feel free to contact Dr. Nancy Budwig, Director of the Fellowship Program, via email to nbudwig@clarku.edu.

Application Information
The deadline for applications is midnight February 15th, 2022. Applicants should submit a copy of their transcript (an unofficial academic grade report will suffice) and a 3-5 page statement (saved as a pdf document) describing their proposed project.

The statement should:
• Describe the proposed project including when and where it will be carried out;
• Explain where/when/how the idea for the project originated and what makes it intriguing/important for the applicant to pursue it;
• Provide an estimated budget for the project, including for example, travel costs, lodging, meals, equipment, etc.

Applicants will also need to list the name, department, email and phone number of the faculty member who has agreed to serve as the sponsor for the project and who will provide a letter of recommendation.

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In addition, provide the name of an additional faculty member (or other member of the Clark or external community, if relevant) who has agreed to provide a letter of recommendation. Emails will be sent to those listed, requesting that information.

Applications will only be collected through the application portal on the Clark University website: https://www.clarku.edu/offices/career-connections-center/gain-experience/opportunity-funding/ beginning on November 15, 2021. Additional directions for this application, and other funding possibilities, will also be listed on the website above in the upcoming weeks.

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