# Distinctive Undergraduate Experience Research (DUER) Award

**Eligibility**

Awards may be requested for:

1. Expenses related to student honors or independent research projects.

2. Travel to professional a conference that is not funded by the University's Office of Undergraduate Education.*

*Priority is given to students who are presenting.

**Purpose**

In Fall 2008, the Department created a Distinctive Undergraduate Experience Research (DUER) Fund to support important undergraduate scholarly research. The goal of this award is to encourage the academic development, research skills, and professionalization of undergraduate Anthropology, Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPP) and Sociology majors through small financial awards. This program is consistent with the UMBC’s emphasis on creating a distinctive undergraduate experience.

**Award Details**

Projects are awarded based on the availability of funds. The maximum award amount is $300.00 per project; although, partial awards may be offered. Projects should be completed within one year of being awarded.

**Application**

To apply for an award, a student must submit a single page description of the purpose of the request, the expected benefit, and an itemized budget. The description also should include other sources of support requested and/or received for the project. Students must explore other sources of funding prior to submitting a proposal to the department (e.g., the Office of Undergraduate Education, the UGA, etc). A department faculty member must be willing to serve as a sponsor of the project/activity and submit a letter of support. All documents should be submitted to Cathy McDonnell, Department Coordinator, who will process the application for departmental review and decision.

**Deadline**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. All application materials must be received, reviewed and approved before the student may begin research. Students should consult their faculty sponsor for further details.

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