

Seeking Mentors for the ABI Undergraduate Research Scholar Program 2020-21 Academic Year

The ABI Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URS) is dedicated to enhancing the academic experience of A-State students by providing first and second year undergraduates with opportunities to participate in research and creative works with A-State faculty and staff. Discovery and creativity are the cornerstones of our greatness as a university - in the sciences, engineering, the arts or the social sciences (not limited to the sciences). The experience of working with a faculty member who is pushing forward the frontiers of knowledge or creative expression will transform what students learn in the classroom into reality and relevance.

How To Apply to be a Mentor: Provide these items in addition to this completed form: 1.) a short paragraph describing the research/project/creative work that you do (in layman's terms); 2.) details of how your research/project/creative work adheres to the ABI Mission Statement; and 3.) details of how this will contribute to the scholarly and/or creative community. This information will be made available to the potential scholars. All current full-time A-State faculty/staff and affiliated faculty/staff that have an area of expertise/research that adheres to the ABI Mission Statement are eligible.

ABI Mission Statement: to improve the health of Arkansans through new and expanded agricultural and medical research initiatives.

Mentor's Benefits and Responsibilities

- Mentors will receive a \$1,250 stipend to purchase supplies to support research/project/creative work of their student.
- Mentors agree to supervise and assist the scholar with the project, encourage involvement (as appropriate) the scholar in possible publications, attend the Annual Fall ABI Research Symposium (if possible), participate in Create@State, participate in podcasts, and guide the scholar in preparation of their presentation from their research findings.

Faculty/Mentor Information (please type or print):

Name: _____ Employee ID#: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____@astate.edu

Department: _____ Direct Supervisor: _____

A list of faculty/mentors, that have been approved by ABI, will be provided to the students to select a mentor. Mentor's will review the student's application packet, interview and decide (as long as qualifications are met) who the mentee will be. The mentor should only sign the student's application in which they select.

Submit to: Hope Phillips, hopep@astate.edu or ABI Rm 101 by 5:00pm Wednesday, Sept. 16