

Division of Social Sciences

**S. Erving Severtson Research Fellowship
Forest Foundation Undergraduate Research Program, 2016/2017**

In May 2000, a grant was awarded to the Division of Social Sciences for a student-faculty research program to honor S. Erving Severtson. Endowed by the Forest Foundation, the grant seeks to encourage joint student and faculty research by providing financial assistance. For student researchers, the grant covers up to \$500 per project for travel and other project expenses and a \$2500 award payment per student. Faculty are also eligible for up to \$1100 for travel and other project expenses per project. The competitive application process is open to any interested faculty in the Division of Social Sciences and declared Social Sciences majors. To apply, the faculty project coordinator must submit a completed application package comprised of both faculty and student application forms and student transcripts to Carol Reed in Xavier 152 no later than **3:00 pm, April 25, 2016**. (A separate application is required for each project.) The Division of Social Sciences Chairs' Council will review all submissions and notify applicants of its decisions by **May 3, 2016**. By its very nature, the DSS Chairs' Council is an interdisciplinary group of scholars. Prepare your application materials with this audience in mind.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- ◆ Thoroughness and completeness of the application.
- ◆ Merit of project.
- ◆ Appropriateness for student involvement.
- ◆ Likelihood that research will lead to publication.
- ◆ While applications from any full time faculty will be considered, recently hired tenure track faculty and tenured faculty initiating research in new areas will receive higher priority.
- ◆ Student information such as academic record and career goals will be considered.
- ◆ The experience/ability of student to complete the research will be considered.
- ◆ Second and subsequent applications from the same professor will receive lower priority.

If selected, all student work on the project must be performed between the dates of **June 1, 2016** and **May 31, 2017**. (As a guide, the amount of effort in the project should be equivalent to two advanced 4-credit hour courses). In addition, each student is expected to:

- ◆ Meet regularly with her or his faculty research coordinator.
- ◆ Present his or her research at the Severtson/Forest Foundation Research Forum in **May 2017**. The faculty research coordinator is also expected to attend the program, which is open to the public.
- ◆ Write a research report (or other appropriate concluding product) to be delivered to the Dean's office no later than the last day of Spring classes.

You will receive 80% (\$2,000) of your award payment by the end of September 2016 and the remaining 20% (\$500) will be disbursed at the conclusion of your fellowship, following the satisfactory completion of your research and any agreed upon report or presentation as a non-qualified fellowship. Travel and other project expenses (up to \$500) will be reimbursed upon submission of original receipts.