

IPFW Research Communities Program

Purpose:

To create several communities of student scholars centered on the research interests of IPFW students and faculty.

Composition:

Research communities will be built by IPFW faculty recruiting outstanding high school students. Each year, faculty participating in the program will recruit at least one high school senior qualifying for a **Chancellor's Distinguished** or **Chancellor's Scholarship** to IPFW. These students will join the faculty member's research community and become active participants in the community's research program such that over the course of four years, the community will consist of at least one undergraduate student at each academic level.

Student Expectations:

Student participants in the IPFW Research Communities Program are to meet the following expectations:

- Declare and maintain a major in the faculty member's discipline.
- Enroll as a full-time IPFW student.
- Maintain the minimum GPA as required by their scholarship award (Chancellor's Distinguished or Chancellor's Scholarship) and make satisfactory progress towards graduation.
- Actively participate in the community research program.
- Participate in campus wide research community events.
- Present the results of their work at the IPFW student research symposium and regional and national professional meetings as appropriate.
- Submit the results of their work to professional journals that target undergraduate research, such as the American Journal of Undergraduate Research or other outlets as appropriate.

Resources:

In order to successfully create Research Communities at IPFW the following resources will be available for students in addition to their scholarships through the Chancellor's Distinguished or Chancellor's Scholarship programs.

- Each student entering the Research Communities program will receive a \$1000 summer research stipend and retain eligibility for other existing summer research support programs.
- Students will be eligible for up to \$500 in support for travel to regional and national professional meetings during the academic year.
- Participating faculty will be eligible for up to \$500 in support for travel to accompany their students to regional and national professional meetings and retain eligibility for other travel support programs.
- Students will receive recognition at the annual Honors Convocation celebration.
- The Office of Research and External Support will host a reception for all participants and their families at the end of each academic year.
- Students will be invited to special events throughout the academic year, including guest lectures and presentations.

Program Scope:

This program is open to faculty and students in all disciplines. As such, "research" encompasses the scholarly and creative activities of all IPFW faculty and students. Participation in the program is based solely on the faculty member's ability to recruit and retain qualified and motivated students. This program will be selective and highly competitive and it is anticipated that no more than six research communities will be funded in each academic year. Awards will be based on availability of funding.

Interested faculty should contact Associate Vice Chancellor J. Albayyari for additional information. X-14101, albayyaj@ipfw.edu