Wilke Program Highlights for Faculty

Faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that create innovative and impactful research experiences for undergraduate students. If any of these descriptions fit, please consider submitting a project proposal that we can match up with highly talented students who want to be involved in research:

- You see yourself as a mentor who aims to engage superior undergraduate students considering graduate study.
- You enjoy helping to create and develop new research opportunities that involve students.
- One of your goals is to foster the exchange of ideas with a diverse student population.

Wilke Program

The Margo Katherine Wilke Undergraduate Research Internship (Wilke) program was made possible by a generous bequest from the Margo Katherine Wilke Trust and will receive additional support from the Office of the President. The program is intended to nurture a lifelong interest in learning and appreciation of the humanities and other liberal arts disciplines, which were important to Margo Katherine Wilke Melichar. In addition, it seeks to stimulate awareness of advanced research and promote interest in graduate education. Wilke offers opportunities for 50 student internships per academic semester (fall and spring). Participating students receive a $500/semester scholarship in recognition of their selection. The Wilke program is open to Purdue University-West Lafayette sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Liberal Arts who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and are in good academic standing. In addition, the participating faculty member will receive $500/semester to defray research costs. Projects may be submitted for the period of 1 semester or over 2 semesters.

Application Submission

- Proposals must be in one of the areas within the College of Liberal Arts.
- Proposals must have at least one coordinating faculty member/researcher from the College of Liberal Arts.
- Proposals may require additional student qualifications.
- [Login and submit project proposals via the on-line submission form.](#)
- Students and faculty member will complete a [learning contract](#).
  - Contract may be renewed
- Students may register for research credit in the department.
- Students receive $500 grant/semester for their participation. Wilke requires students to complete the internship before they receive the scholarship: Students receive payment upon completion of the required components of the internship. The scholarships are administered through Financial Aid and the Bursar’s Office. The faculty member receives $500 per semester and per project to pay for project-related costs.
- In specific instances where students are working with human subjects, they will be required to complete Responsible Conduct of Research training. Faculty members will be required to ensure that students conducting human subject research go through appropriate CITI training. Please refer to the [OVPR website](#) for additional information.
- Students participate in a year-end Undergraduate Research Forum/Poster Session.
How to hire a student.

- Use the area below to view all of the students who have applied to your projects.
- Use the star ratings to visually rank your applicants.
- Contact the desired students and conduct interviews. **Note: This step is your responsibility.**
- Once you have made your final decisions, **Offer the Internship** to the desired students.
- **The student is not officially hired until they have accepted your offer.**