

Summer 2025 -Honors Summer Research Fellowships

Rhys Benoit, College of Arts & Sciences, History major, Public History, Creative Writing, and Medieval Studies minors

Project Title: *The Politics of Forgetting: Comfort Women and Collective Memory*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Wert, History

Lennard Fredric Boholst, College of Arts & Sciences, Economics major, Mathematics minor

Project Title: *The Impact of Remittances on Education Spending in the Philippines*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andrew Meyer, Economics

Loriann Chávez, College of Arts & Sciences, Cognitive Science major, Spanish Language, Literature and Cultures and Mental Health Applications minors

Project Title: *A Comparative Study of Student and Professor Perceptions of the Grading System*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amelia Zurcher, English

Mark Claerhout, College of Education, Anthropology and History majors

Project Title: *Effective Interdisciplinary Team Teaching: Best Practices in Higher Education*

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Eric Dimmitt, Educational Policy and Leadership and Dr. Khadijah Makky, Biomedical Sciences

Ashley Dirkmaat, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychology and Cognitive Science majors

Project Title: *The Effects of Alcohol Use on Safety Learning and Fear Reduction*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jacklynn Fitzgerald, Psychology

Tionna Gillespie, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychology & Criminology majors

Project Title: *Perceiving the Pandemic: How Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors Shaped College Students' COVID-19 Experiences*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gabriel Velez, Educational Policy and Leadership

Téa Graham, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychology and Cognitive Science majors

Project Title: *Emotion Processing and Regulation as Moderators of the Relationship between Psychiatric Symptoms of Anxiety and Quality of Life (QoL): Implications for Treating QoL*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jacklynn Fitzgerald, Psychology

Kian Howe, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences major

Project Title: *If a Tree Falls in the Forest: An analysis of long-term survival of trees growing on dead logs*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joe LaManna, Biological Sciences

Sarah Hurst, College of Arts & Sciences, Cognitive Science and Psychology majors

Project Title: *Neurodevelopmental Trajectories in Medically Complex Children*

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Astrida Kaugars, Psychology; Dr. Lauren Miller and Dr. Danielle Glad from Medical College of Wisconsin.

Jasleen Kaur, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science and Criminology & Law Studies majors

Project Title: [Political Efficacy in the Sikh-American Community](#)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julia Azari, Political Science

Gabriella Nerger, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science major, Public Policy and Law & Society minors

Project Title: [Civic Engagement, Partisanship, and Ideology: Generation Z in American Politics](#)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julia Azari, Professor and Assistant Chair of Political Science

Sean Ogrosky, College of Arts & Sciences, Writing-Intensive English and Public Relations majors, Medieval Studies minor

Project Title: [Ben Barkin: The Man Who Made Milwaukee Smile](#)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amy Blair, English

Brenda Paredes, College of Arts & Sciences, Sociology and Spanish majors

Project Title: [Poetry as a form of Resistance](#)

Faculty Mentor: Dra. Cortes-Velez, Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture

Andrea Rifelj, College of Health Sciences, Exercise Physiology major

Project Title: [Effect of Hand Symmetry and Preference on Bimanual Coordination in Children](#)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sam Nemanich, Occupational Therapy

JJ Vanderloop, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science major

Project Title: *The Function of Shared-Revenues in State and Municipal Government*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Phil Rocco, Political Science

Sofia Isabelle Yee, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science and Economics majors

Project Title: [Do Actions Speak Louder? Investigating the Relationship between the Heightened Executive Order Usage and US Foreign-Born Labor Market.](#)

Faculty mentors: Dr. Heather Kohls, Economics and Dr. Grace Wang, Economics

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Marisa D'Amico, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science and International Affairs majors

Project title: TBA

Faculty mentor: Dr. Heather R. Hlavka, Chair and Professor, Social and Cultural Sciences

Sophia Halick, College of Arts & Sciences, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major

Project Title: [Inspiratory time \(Ti\) and expiratory time \(Te\), while altered by dark phase light stimuli, do not fully explain the impact of these stimuli on respiratory frequency.](#)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deanna Arble, Biological Sciences

Kennedi Luckett, College of Arts & Sciences and College of Communication, Digital Media and Psychology majors

Project Title: *Spiritual Wellness*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nakia Gordon, Psychology

Donnie Okleme, College of Education, Mechanical Engineering major

Project Title: TBA

Faculty Mentor: Sina Alipour Aghdam, Mechanical Engineering