



Honors Summer Research Fellowships - Summer 2025

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: *The Grading System: A Constructive Dialogue Among Students and Professors*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amelia Zurcher, English

Mark Claerhout, College of Education, Anthropology and History majors

Project Title: *Literary Review*

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: *The Lasting Effects of Prolonged Periods of Isolation on Adolescent Development: From Quarantine to College.*

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

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

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deanna Arble, Biological Sciences

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

Project Title: *Analysis of Tree Mortality Drivers in Pacific Northwest Forests*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joe LaManna, Biological Sciences

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

Project Title: *Developmental Milestone Attainment and Later Cognitive and Adaptive Functioning in a Neuropsychology Setting*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Astrida Kaugars, Psychology

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

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

Project Title: *Uncovering the Life and Legacy of Ben Barkin, Milwaukee's Forgotten PR Hero*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amy Blair, English

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

Project Title: *Poetry as a Weapon: Mexican 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: *Effects of Hand Symmetry on Bimanual Coordination in Childhood Motor Learning*

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sam Nemanich, Occupational Therapy

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

Project Title: TBA

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Phil Rocco, Political Science

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

Project Title: *Trump's Impact on Foreign Born Labor Economics*

Faculty mentor: Dr. Heather Kohls, Economics



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