APPENDIX F: SURF Student and Award Information

Student Eligibility:

1. Must be classified as a full-time FAU undergraduate student for the Fall semester following the summer fellowship.
2. Must be in good academic standing at FAU.

Students Requirements:

1. Complete discipline-specific CITI training on the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).
2. Become members of OURI’s student club, the Council for Scholarship and Inquiry (CSI).
3. Abide by all of FAU’s Intellectual Policies as they apply to the SURF research project.
4. Research for at least 10 weeks during the summer on the project, under the guidance of their faculty mentor.
5. Throughout the summer, be available on Mondays from 10am – Noon for SURF meetings and workshops.
6. During the summer, attend 3 SURF meetings (once per month) and complete 2 social media posts detailing their SURF progress.
7. Attend at least 3 workshops and one of the following: joint workshop held with REU groups on campus or joint no-cost field trips (transportation will be provided).
8. Present their findings (poster) at OURI’s annual summer retreat held in August.
9. Present their findings (oral) at an FAU student showcase prior to graduation (e.g. the Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring or the Honor’s College Symposium).
10. Present their research at an external symposium/conference. OURI members attend the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC) and can assist with coordinating travel plans (students are responsible for securing travel funding). Students may also choose to attend a specialized conference in their field per discussion with their faculty mentor. FAU’s Student Government provides travel funding for undergraduates. To apply, visit here.
11. Participate in at least one classroom OURI presentation, or host/co-host one OURI workshop, AND participate at one campus orientation tabling event as a representative of OURI during the fall semester. These will be scheduled through OURI.
12. Reference the grant in ALL future presentations and/or publications resulting from this work.
13. Submit a manuscript on their SURF research to the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal (FAURJ) in the spring semester following the SURF award (application opens in the spring semester).

NOTE: SURF Fellows are encouraged to apply to become OURI Peer Mentors or LEARN Peer Mentors.

Award Conditions:

1. The award amount is $4,000. $3,100 is for the student’s stipend, and the remaining $900 for materials and supplies related to the research, and for the faculty to use at their discretion (i.e., faculty stipend, faculty professional development, additional stipend to SURF fellow, travel support for SURF fellow, publishing costs, etc.).
2. The award cannot be transferred without prior approval by OURI.
3. Equipment purchased with SURF funds will remain the property of FAU.

We anticipate that faculty mentors and departments will continue to provide students the mentorship, skills, and professional development opportunities to successfully engage in research and inquiry. For program-related questions, please contact Jennie Soberon (jsoberon@fau.edu).

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