ANNOUNCEMENT: Undergraduate Mentored Research Opportunity

OVERVIEW: The Atlantic Coast Conference Inter-institutional Academic Collaborative (ACCIAC) Fellows Program in Creativity and Innovation supports undergraduate research, artistic endeavors, and/or creative projects. These efforts may be conducted in the U.S. or abroad and may be individual, team-driven, or multi-university in scope.

CRITERIA: Applications will be judged according, but not limited to the following criteria: originality, creativity, innovation, experimentation, intellectual risk, and the role and commitment of the faculty mentor(s).

For the 2015-16 ACCIAC grant, three broad areas of focus for students to consider in their proposals are: (1) Designs or innovations that are sensitive to a sustainable environment; (2) Transitioning the fine arts into the public domain; (3) Creative art/science collaborations. These broad areas in no way exclude any other research or creative endeavors, themes, or subjects of exploration.

SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATIONS: All applications should be submitted electronically by Monday, February 2, 2016.

SCHEDULE FOR PROJECT COMPLETION: Those who receive awards will be expected to spend the spring 2016 semester planning their projects with their faculty mentors and possibly with team members or collaborators at Wake Forest or other ACC campuses. Project implementation will be done in the summer of 2016. An interim, preliminary report will be due by Friday, July 29, 2016. Final project reports will be submitted to Tammy Griffin within 30 days of project completion and in no case later than Friday, September 9, 2016. Students will present the results of their completed projects at the Undergraduate Research Day during the fall semester 2016.

BUDGET: Funding for research/creative activities may be requested for up to $5000 per student. Each application will contain a complete budget request including costs of research materials, travel, housing/room, meals, equipment purchase/rental, and other appropriate costs.

APPLICATION CONTENTS: The application must include each of the following:
   I. Overview of the project
   II. Mentor’s statement of commitment and role within the project
   III. Schedule of the project
   IV. Detailed description of the project, justification, and anticipated contribution to the field of inquiry, creativity, or innovation
   V. Plan and schedule for team-driven or multi-university involvement, if applicable
   VI. Anticipated outcomes/products
   VII. Detailed budget request

CONTACT: Please direct questions to Tammy Griffin, via email at burketj@wfu.edu.

PLEASE NOTE: Students may not receive academic credit for projects undertaken with funds from an ACCIAC Fellowship.