

Date: February 23, 2017

To: Faculty and Students

From: Bart D. Finzel, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean

Subject: Student Research Awards: UMM Bos Research Award and the Owen and Frances Tate Memorial Award

Deadline: March 10, 2017

I invite students to apply for two awards offered by UMM to promote student research and scholarship: The UMM Bos Research Award and the Owen and Frances Tate Memorial Award.

### **The UMM Bos Research Fund**

The UMM Bos Research Fund has been established to enhance the undergraduate research experiences of UMM students. Funds are available to cover expenses for undergraduate travel expenses related to research, with preference for expenses related to presentation of research/scholarship at conferences or similar. Other expenses related to research or other scholarly activity will be considered only if funds permit and other sources have been explored.

Typically, awards will not exceed 50% of the total expenses, so that more students can benefit from the fund. Meal and food expenses will not be considered for the award. A cap may be imposed on total expenses reimbursed when groups of students apply to travel to the same conference. Only students who are actually presenting will be reimbursed through this fund. Students are encouraged to also seek funding from their academic discipline and/or their academic division.

All students are eligible to apply, although first-time applications will be favored over previous recipients. A preference will be given to Juniors and Seniors. **If graduating this Spring, your research experience needs to be done before graduating.** The size of the awards will be based on the number of applicants and need. Awards will be given for travel occurring within the same fiscal year as the decision.

### **Owen W. and Frances A. Tate Memorial Award**

The purpose of this fund is to honor the memories of Owen and Frances Tate (lifelong west central Minnesota residents) and to support student-learning activities at UMM that do not have other funding sources available. The funds are awarded to cover travel expenses for students presenting scholarly work at symposia and professional meetings, or engaging in artistic activities, research projects, or performances outside of the UMM campus community that will showcase the University of Minnesota, Morris to a broader learning community.

The awards cover up to \$500 of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the student, after applying for other resources, not to exceed 50% of the total expenses. Meal and food expenses will not be considered for the award. Students are expected to secure funding for the other half of their expenses from other sources, including personal sources.

All students are eligible to apply, although first-time applications will be favored over previous recipients.

Students will receive reimbursement for documented expenses following the activity being funded; the screening committee will provide prior approval before the expenses are incurred. The funds must be used within one calendar year of the award. **If graduating this Spring, your research experience must be done before graduating.**

Recipients will be recognized in the annual Student Honors and Awards program.

**Application forms for the awards are available on line at [http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/acad\\_affairs/aavarious.html#studentresearch](http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/acad_affairs/aavarious.html#studentresearch) and must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM, March 10, 2017 to:**

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