

## **7 FAQ about the Denise M. McGuire Student Research Award**

### **1. What is the Denise McGuire Student Research Award?**

The Denise McGuire Student Research Award serves to recognize and reward **undergraduate** students engaged in the college's initiative of student-faculty collaboration on research and design projects. It is a competitive award in which student/group-submitted proposals accompanied by a faculty-sponsor document are rated by a committee of faculty. All applicants receive an award certificate. The top-rated applicants also receive a check. Checks awarded in the past have ranged from \$200 to \$1,000.

### **2. How much are the awards for?**

This year (2010-2011) we expect to award up to five \$1,000 and \$2,000 awards depending on quality of proposals. Last year there were only 11 proposals submitted. This gives the students a really good chance at winning a substantial amount of money.

### **3. What is the award money used for?**

The award money can be used by the student for whatever they choose. They are given a check through the university payroll. This money is free for them to spend it on whatever they want.

### **4. Is faculty supposed to submit a recommendation for a student/group before the student/group applies for the award?**

No, the student or group is supposed to submit a proposal for the award and the faculty sponsor submits an evaluation of that student and their research.

### **5. Are students/groups required to present at the Student Research Colloquium (SRC) in order to be considered for the award?**

Yes, within their proposal they must state that they intend to present their findings at the SRC. Because within some classes and departments students are required to present at the SRC to pass the class/graduate the faculty who teach these classes should mention that their students could apply for the Denise McGuire Student Research Award and have a chance at receiving money for their work. Considering they are already required to do the research, it should be easy for them to apply for the award.

### **6. How long is the student's proposals suppose to be (how hard is it to apply)?**

The proposal can be no longer than 10 pages excluding any appendices. The proposal is to be double spaced with a font size of no smaller than 11 point. The proposal is to be written for a general scientific audience. Students who are currently engaged in research should not find it too hard to type up a proposal.

### **7. How can you apply for the award?**

Visit the Denise McGuire website: <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/cose/research/stuawards/default.asp> or visit the College of Science and Engineering website and follow the link to it. On the website it gives all of the information an applicant would need to know. Email [ardc@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:ardc@stcloudstate.edu) with any other questions you may have.