

Are you at a disadvantage if you have never had another research experience?

No. It is expected that many of the rising junior and senior applicants will be looking to engage in their first research project.

Is it possible to get independent-study credit?

It is against University policy for you to get credit for a program for which you will be receiving a stipend.

How much of the summer am I expected to be abroad conducting my research?

There is flexibility on the timing and duration of your foreign travel. Some projects could involve prolonged stays to investigate their respective topics, while others might involve only part of the summer devoted, for example, to data collection with the analysis occurring while at home or at Penn. Recall that approved travel and lodging expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Is it okay for my WIRE project to be on-going, i.e. can future research be based on the summer project?

Yes - for example, it might be possible for you to continue your research in an independent study. Please be sure to explain clearly in your application what you plan to accomplish while participating in WIRE and how that fits into your long-term research plans.

Can you participate in WIRE as well as University Scholars or another summer research program?

You cannot be paid twice for the same work. You are expected to put in approximately 20 hours of work per week over two-months on your WIRE project. You may use the rest of your time for another project, job or class.

Are faculty members aware of the program?

Faculty members have been informed of the program via email, but you may encounter someone who is unaware of the program. You may refer them to Dr. Asher if they have any questions.

Should we contact potential faculty advisors directly?

Yes, applicants are expected to initiate contact with possible faculty advisors. Before you approach a potential advisor, you should have narrowed your research interest and identified specific research questions. The faculty member can help you further refine your proposal.

Can I work with more than one faculty advisor?

Yes, each advisor must sign an advisor approval form and must also approve your final written report.

Can I work with faculty advisors in multiple schools?

Yes

Can I work on a project with another student?

Though it is possible for two students to jointly apply, the project must be large enough in scope to justify having more than one researcher. Please note that a joint proposal must clearly state the roles of each student.