

Honors Faculty Mentor Information Session
September 14, 2016
Meeting Notes

Greetings/Introduction:

- Dr. Leslie Edgar, Director of the Bumpers College Honors Program
- Dr. Jennie Popp, Interim Associate Dean for the Honors College
- Jason Blankenship, Director of Retention and Student Advising for the Honors College
- Dentin Schwartz, Coordinator for Student Programs in Bumpers College
- Isabel Whitehead, Graduate Assistant for the Bumpers College Honors Program

Review of Available Grants from the Honors College, Dr. Jennie Popp:

Grants Available to faculty

- Honors College Website > Faculty > Faculty Equipment and Technology Grants
 - <http://honorscollege.uark.edu/faculty/faculty-equipment-and-technology-grants.php>
- Grants will be awarded only for equipment and technology that will result in transformational impacts.

Research Grants Available for Students

- Honors College Website > Current > Research Grants
 - <http://honorscollege.uark.edu/current-students/research-grants/index.php>
- Research Travel Grants are reviewed on a rolling basis
- Surf Grants are Due October 20th

Study Abroad Grants Available for Students

- Honors College Website > Current > Study Abroad Grants
 - <http://honorscollege.uark.edu/current-students/study-abroad-grants/index.php>
- Airfare, Traditional, or Faculty-led
- Students can apply for one grant per year

Bumpers College Honors Program Updates, Dr. Leslie Edgar:

- Introduction of Isabel Whitehead
 - Isabel is serving as the Bumpers College Honors Program graduate assistant.
 - She is available to provide assistance to students who need help with their research or thesis.
 - Isabel's office hours for Fall semester: Mondays 12:00-2:00, Wednesday 4:00-6:00
- Mandatory Honor Student Meeting (September 20, GEAR 26, 5:00pm)
 - This meeting will serve as a time to update honor students on the guidelines of completing their honors thesis and show them the resources available in the revised Bumpers College Honors Program website.

- We will also review research and study abroad grants that are available to students
- Bumpers College Honors Program Website, <http://bumpershonors.uark.edu>
- Bumpers College Website > Current Students > Honors Program
 - <http://bumpershonors.uark.edu/index.php>
 - The revised Bumpers College Honors Website is a resource for honors students to look for guidance to find a mentor, find the guidelines to complete their thesis, determine available grants and funding opportunities, and maintains the necessary forms (PDFs that are editable).
 - Forms are used to monitor student progress through the Honors Program
- Thesis Timeline
 - Bumpers College Website > Current Students > Honors Program > Current > Thesis Timeline
 - <http://bumpershonors.uark.edu/current-students/thesis-year-by-year.php>
 - Big Picture Thesis Timeline (pictured below)



- There is also a year by year tab for freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors. This is a semester by semester timeline for students to use as they progress through the Honors Program. It provides requirements for students to complete and suggestions that are optional for each semester. At the bottom there are year-end milestones that students must complete.

- Student Deadlines
 - Bumpers College Website > Current Students > Honors Program > Current > Student Deadlines
 - <http://bumpershonors.uark.edu/current-students/key-deadlines.php>
 - Provides student deadlines for form completion, defense dates and when to students need to submit their final copy to the library.
 - The deadline for fall and spring graduates is November 1st and April 1st, respectively.
 - The deadline for students to submit their final thesis copy to the library is November 15th and April 15th for fall spring graduates, respectively.