

# Blazer Summer Research Institute (BSRI) Student Fact Sheet

## What is the BSRI?

The BSRI is an 8-week competitive summer research program running from June 6 to July 29, 2022. During the program undergraduate students will work one-on-one with a faculty mentor to engage in hands on research directly related to a students major or area of interest. Additionally, all students participate in two 2-hour workshops to help them develop their research and presentation skills.

## Am I eligible to participate?

Any student who will be an undergraduate in Fall 2022 is eligible to participate.

## How many students will get awarded?

The number of awards is based on the available funding. In 2019, 11 students were awarded funding through the BSRI program. In 2020, 14 students were awarded funding through the program. In 2021, 11 students were awarded funding through the program. Students from all six colleges, representing 18 different majors, have been part of the BSRI during the past two years.

## What will I get out of it?

Through engaging in undergraduate research and creative inquiry, during the BSRI, you will learn how to work collaboratively both with faculty and other students to complete a project; learn ethical issues and/or laboratory emergency guidelines for your particular project; critically analyze data or sources; and articulate the relevance of your work to members of a general audience. In addition, you will receive up to \$1000 stipend for your participation over the summer.

## What do I have to do to apply to the program?

1. Find a faculty mentor that can work with you throughout the summer.
2. You and your mentor will determine the project you will work on and the requirements and learning outcomes. The idea for the project could come from your mentor or from yourself. You just have to agree on the project prior to starting the application process.
3. Once you have agreed to do it the project, your mentor will write a project narrative, application cover sheet, and budget for the project. Make sure to get a copy of these so you can use them when you write the student narrative. The student narrative will provide a brief summary of the research project to be completed by you and an explanation of how you will be participating in the research, such as collect the data, analyzing results, maintain confidentiality when appropriate, etc. The maximum length of each student narrative is 2 pages, single-spaced.

## What is the deadline to apply?

In order to be eligible for review, a proposal must be complete and in a single package (a single PDF file). All applications must be submitted by email to Dr. Drake at [djdrake@valdosta.edu](mailto:djdrake@valdosta.edu). All applications must be submitted by the deadline of December 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM EST. No late applications will be accepted.

## Where can I get more information?

Search for Blazer Summer Research Institute on the VSU website or you can access the information directly at: <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/research/office-of-sponsored-programs-research-administration/blazer-summer-research-institute.php>