Shippensburg University is pleased to announce the creation of a pilot program, the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE). The purpose of this pilot is twofold: to nurture student researchers and to provide faculty members with paid student research assistants during summer 2012. Students selected for the program will receive an hourly wage for research tasks assigned by a faculty supervisor up to a stipend total of $750.

By assisting faculty members in their research, students selected for the program will learn the knowledge and skills necessary for conducting advanced research in their field. The student/faculty pair must present an evaluation of the grant program's benefits to their academic growth and development at the 2012 Academic Day. The program is open to all faculty members and to undergraduate students expecting to graduate in December 2012 or later. Faculty/student pairs must submit a joint application no later than 6 April 2012.

Click here for more info.

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Conference planners are currently working through the event logistics. In the coming weeks, students and faculty will receive information via email that will explain time and location information for their presentations, as well as assignment to various presentation slots. The event's main attraction will be the poster exhibition at which over 190 student posters representing nearly all disciplines will be on display. The poster presentations will be divided into two sessions taking place back-to-back in the CUB’s new Multi-Purpose Room.

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This year’s event will take place throughout the Ceddia Union Building, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The keynote speaker, Dr. William Klunk, will address an audience on the evening of April 18th in the Old Main Chapel.

As in previous years, the CSRC will comprise a variety of department-led panel discussions and a number of individual student oral presentations. Perhaps the main attraction will be the poster exhibition at which over 190 student posters representing nearly all disciplines will be on display. The poster presentations will be divided into two sessions taking place back-to-back in the CUB’s new Multi-Purpose Room.

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More information can be found at the CSRC website, (http://www.ship.edu/Student_Research/Conference/Guidelines/). Students needing tips and examples for developing posters and presentations can also get help at the Learning Center.

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Thank you!