

# New York Six Upstate Summer Research Fellows Program

## **BACKGROUND**

The **New York Six** Liberal Arts Consortium was formed in 2009 with a planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which encouraged the six member schools – Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, St. Lawrence University, Skidmore College, and Union College – to explore ways that they might work together on programs and initiatives to benefit students, faculty, and staff. The Consortium aims to create a scholarly community supporting teaching and learning around academic themes that have rich connections to upstate New York but that also are of current consequence worldwide. Please visit the NY6 website at [newyork6.org](http://newyork6.org) for examples of how the mission of the Consortium has been implemented through collaborative teaching and research endeavors.

## **UPSTATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM**

The **New York Six Upstate Summer Research Fellows Program** seeks to bring students and faculty together in synergistic ways around important scholarly topics relevant to the upstate New York region. This Upstate Summer Research Fellows Program will fund one fellow per institution to conduct research, ideally at another New York Six institution.

This inter-institutional research program aims to do the following:

- Provide new opportunities for student intellectual growth,
- Promote student-faculty collaboration across the Consortium, and
- Encourage interdisciplinary inquiry that connects local interests with global issues.

Student fellowships will last 6-8 weeks with the expectation that the student will work full-time on a research project at a host institution. Students awarded a fellowship will receive a \$450 weekly stipend for the duration of the fellowship. Faculty mentors facilitating the research project at the host institution will receive a \$1000 stipend.

## **2018 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The NY6 welcomes fellowship proposals from faculty members from all institutions and disciplines who are conducting research on topics related to upstate New York. Faculty members receiving awards are expected to mentor an Upstate Summer Research Fellow, ideally from another New York Six institution, for summer 2018. Students will be invited to apply for a fellowship through their school's undergraduate research office. Upstate Summer Research Fellows will be selected by the faculty mentor in consultation with the NY6 leadership team.

## New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium

Colgate University | Hamilton College | Hobart and William Smith Colleges | St. Lawrence University | Skidmore College | Union College

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### FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

Interested faculty are invited to submit proposals to NY6 Project Manager Deanna McCay, at [dmccay@newyork6.org](mailto:dmccay@newyork6.org), by **Monday, February 12, 2018**.

The proposal should be no longer than two pages and include the following:

- 1) Name of faculty applicant along with university and department affiliation
- 2) Title of research project
- 3) Description of proposed research for the Upstate Summer Research Fellow
- 4) Responsibilities of the fellow
- 5) Desired qualifications of the fellow
- 6) Is IRB approval needed?
- 7) Proposed start and end date for the fellow

### REVIEW CRITERIA

Proposals for a Summer Research Fellow will be reviewed by the NY6 leadership team in consultation with the NY6 chief academic officers or their designee. The NY6 can support one faculty mentor and his/her Summer Research Fellow per member institution. Competitive proposals will demonstrate clear connections to the goals of the New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium and concrete plans for mentoring a Summer Research Fellow. Priority will be given to proposals submitted by faculty members who have not previously received funding from the NY6.

### DEADLINE

Proposals for Summer Research Fellows are due by **Monday, February 12, 2018**.

Questions regarding the New York Six Upstate Summer Research Fellows Program should be directed to Deanna McCay, NY6 Project Manager, at [dmccay@newyork6.org](mailto:dmccay@newyork6.org).