

THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP



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INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH (ISER)

announce the



ISER POLICY RESEARCH AWARD

PURPOSE

These awards are presented to outstanding students in the social sciences and other applicable fields interested in the analysis of public policy issues. The selected student will contribute research and analysis skills to a study conducted at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and will be awarded a \$1500 stipend. Applications are accepted in both the fall and spring semesters. Fall award recipients will conduct research during the following spring semester.

ABOUT ISER

ISER enhances the well-being of Alaskans and others, through non-partisan research that helps people understand social and economic systems and supports informed public and private decision-making. ISER pursues its mission by:

- Focusing attention on critical economic and social issues in Alaska, the Arctic, and similar regions;
- Engaging in basic and applied research leading to better understanding of those issues; and
- Disseminating knowledge through publications, community involvement, public service, and teaching.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be accepted in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at the University of Alaska Anchorage (any campus) and must be enrolled in at least 12 credits for the semester in which they apply and the semester that they will be interning.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants must complete all of the following:

- Application cover sheet
- Academic quality essay of 750-1,000 words describing your interest in a recent or ongoing ISER project (see list under "Research Areas" at www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu)
- Signed letter of support from a UAA faculty member
- An unofficial copy of your most recent transcripts

SUBMISSION

Applications must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship located in RH 115 by **October 14, 2011 at 5:00pm.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

Designation of the Policy Research Award is determined by an ISER/UAA panel composed members from ISER and the Undergraduate Research Task Force. The candidate's personal interest statement, transcript, and letter of faculty support are all factors taken into consideration in the selection of an award recipient.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The research project/publication must be completed by a mutually agreed upon deadline set forth by ISER and the award winner. The student honored by this award will produce a poster for the Undergraduate Research & Discovery Poster Fair held in April, submit a one-page essay describing the impact of the undergraduate research process upon their academic experience, and attend the Undergraduate Research & Discovery Symposium Awards Ceremony.

For more information, visit www.uaa.alaska.edu/ours or contact the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship at 907-786-1086 or research@uaa.alaska.edu.