FIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN ONE

CLA Freshman Research and Creative Awards showcase academic excellence. This signature program emphasizes first-year students’ achievement and engagement in a research-intensive liberal arts setting.

- The program provides $2,000 scholarships to help recruit highly talented first-year students to CLA.

- Based on their interests and expertise, students are individually matched with world-class faculty members.

- Students become part of a faculty member’s research and creative team through up to 10 hours a week of engagement, innovation, and disciplined effort during spring semester of the first year.

- Faculty-student interaction and mentoring is a core component of the program. This touchstone is an important element of students’ investment and motivation in their college careers.

- The program is designed for students across the disciplines and scholarly approaches of the social sciences, arts, and humanities. Students engage in projects from survey and laboratory research to artistic, literary, and curatorial work to collaborations with community organizations.

"The CLA Freshman Research and Creative Awards Program has been one of the best decisions I have made for my academic life. I have had the chance to work with a great professor in another department, to learn how to navigate both the library website and Wilson Library, and to engage meaningfully in the pursuit of knowledge."

Sarah Flinspach, Spring 2013 participant
with Associate Professor Susanna Ferlito

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"CLA’s Freshman Research and Creative Awards Program provides an invaluable and innovative hands-on experience for students to learn by engaging with faculty in the knowledge-production process, rather than solely by studying or through classroom participation."

Raymond D. Duvall
Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts