

Chandler and Ian Davidson Scholars Program

Objective

Provide research and publication opportunities for our majors who are conducting independent research. Students who are conducting senior honors thesis research are eligible to apply, but students completing other kinds of independent research projects are also welcome to apply. Note that research conducted for faculty, or research for which a faculty member will be a co-author, is not eligible.

Program

In a typical year, the department plans to designate one Chandler and Ian Davidson Scholar.

Spring of Junior Year

Application

- Student consults with proposed mentor
- Student and mentor reach mutual consensus regarding research project
- Student submits application to be a Chandler and Ian Davidson Scholar
- Application due **April 1 to the undergraduate advisor via email**, including a one-page letter summarizing the student's research experience and desire to be a Davidson Scholar AND a research proposal (3-5 pages)
- Note that honors thesis applicants may submit the letter of application along with their honors thesis proposals which are also due April 1

Decision

Faculty choose the Scholar based on quality of applications and available funds.

Courses

Priority will be given to students who have completed the following courses by the end of their junior year:

- Social Statistics
- Research Methods

Summer after Junior Year

Research Stipend

Student receives \$2,000 stipend, in return student agrees to:

- Reside in Houston (unless conducting fieldwork elsewhere)
- Commit at least 20 hours a week to the research project
- Limit other employment to < 20 hours a week
- **Goal:** Complete rough draft of paper by the end of the fall semester of senior year

Fall of Senior Year

- Submit rough draft of paper or journal article to undergraduate advisor by end of the fall semester