Applying for the URI Stipend
What is the URI Stipend?

- $5000 to support a mentored, interdisciplinary research project
- Projects are 4-12 months in duration
- Open to students in any year & any discipline
- Two application cycles each year:
  - Late October deadline – for Winter term
  - Late February deadline – for Summer or Fall term

- **Next deadline:**
  - October 29, 2018
URI Stipend – Student eligibility

- Enrolled at the time of application
- Satisfactory academic standing
- Must not have a previous undergraduate degree
- Have not held URI Stipend previously
- Not receiving academic credit for the project
URI Stipend – Supervisor eligibility

- U of A faculty member (most common)
- If not a U of A faculty member (e.g. grad student, staff, external), a faculty sponsor is required
- Cannot apply with more than 2 students each cycle
URI Stipend – Adjudication Criteria

• Quality of the proposal (x2)                  STUDENT
• Student skill development (x2)               STUDENT
• Impact/Outcomes of the project

• Interdisciplinary aspects of the project (x2) STUDENT + SUPERVISOR
• Role of the student (x2)

• Supervisor commitment                     SUPERVISOR
URI Stipend – Writing the proposal

- Proposals must be written by the student, with support from supervisor.
- Proposals must be accessible to adjudicators from other disciplines.
- Have a clear research question or hypothesis.
- Explain the anticipated outcomes of the research and why they are important.
URI Stipend – Writing the proposal

• Role of student must be clearly defined; if part of a larger project, explain your contribution
• Be specific about student skill development
• Supervisor section must be tailored for each student – do not copy and paste for multiple students
Get feedback!

• Have someone from outside of your discipline read your proposal. Do they understand the key points?

• Get technical feedback from your supervisor or someone else familiar with the project.

• Visit URI for feedback before applying.
URI Stipend – Targeted Funding

- Targeted funding is available for:
  - Projects related to campus sustainability
  - Projects supervised by current SSHRC holders
  - Projects affiliated with ALES (March round only)
  - FNMI students

- Proposals must also meet URI Stipend eligibility & adjudication criteria
New for Fall 2018

URI Stipend applications may be submitted in English or French.
More info about funding

https://www.ualberta.ca/undergraduate-research-initiative/funding
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