

WHITTIER COLLEGE  
RICHARD NIXON FELLOWSHIP  
**STUDENT CONTRACT**

Dear Nixon Fellow:

In accepting our offer of receiving a Nixon Fellowship, you have read and agreed to abide by the below stated requirements. If you fail to meet the requirements it will result in the possible loss of your stipend, and or possible dismissal from the fellowship.

**Nixon Fellow Requirements:**

1. Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2 every semester.
2. Conduct an internship or an individual guided research project under the guidance of an internship or faculty-research mentor.
3. Attend all required/mandatory meetings including but not limited to:
  - Weekly or biweekly meetings with your internship or faculty-research mentor
  - Fall term SCCUR Conference (**will require travel**)
  - Spring term URSCA Conference
  - Recruitment Sessions
  - Spring Scholarship and Fellowship Luncheon (when applicable)
4. Submit a complete project (written and public presentation) at the completion of your fellowship.
5. Understand that the \$5000.00 fellowship will be distributed over three (summer projects) or four (academic year projects) stipend distributions. The last stipend will be distributed at the completion of the project and its public presentation.

**Research Ethics & Safety Compliance Notice:** Please be aware that your mentee's proposed project must adhere to Whittier College policies addressing research ethics and safety compliance. If the student's project is awarded and involves human subjects, vertebrate animals, hazardous materials, infectious agents, recombinant DNA, or genetically altered organisms, it may require institutional approval before fellowship funds can be disbursed. Please familiarize yourself in advance with the policies and procedures so that you can guide your mentee accordingly (website: <https://www.whittier.edu/academics/researchethics>). Pay special attention to compliance committee deadlines and assist your mentee in planning an alternate approach in the event the project is not approved.

**I agree to abide by the five requirements and understand if I do not fulfill all requirements I could lose all or a portion of my stipend and also be dismissed from the program. I have also read and understand the Research Ethics & Safety Compliance Notice.**

Fellow Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fellow Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_