



# NANCY AND IRA SHAPIRO EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

## Award Requirements & Application Form Citation Class of 2020

### ----- Description-----

The Nancy and Ira Shapiro Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award honors a Scholar who has demonstrated excellence through a research project related to his or her Scholars program. This project must demonstrate active collaboration between a faculty mentor and the student, and fulfill the mission of discovery, which is to encourage students to investigate primary sources and existing research literature, unearthing interesting questions for further exploration. The project must also have identified questions or activities that the student and/or faculty mentor may pursue through further research.

Nominations may be made by any member of the College Park Scholars community, including faculty, staff, instructors, Resident Life officials, and students. The winner of this award will receive a scholarship of \$350. Self-nominations are encouraged.

### ----- Requirements-----

Applicants must be in good academic standing and cleared for their College Park Scholars citation by their program faculty.

### ----- Application-----

To apply, applicants must:

- Submit copies of their résumé and an unofficial transcript.
- Submit a copy of their research paper or poster, including an abstract of the research project.
  - If the research was part of a team initiative, applicants must describe the particular role they played in the overall research effort.
  - If the research was published or presented at a conference, applicants must identify the conference or publication, date, and any co-authors or co-presenters.
- Submit an essay of no more than two pages, analyzing what they learned from this research experience through the lens of what they have learned in their Scholars courses and field experiences. Applicants should conclude their essay by identifying what next steps they may take with respect to research.
- Provide contact information for at least one reference, a campus faculty or staff member, who can attest to their merits for the award (a letter of recommendation is not required.)

Applicants are limited to one submission per award category.

**Complete the application by going to:**

**[go.umd.edu/scholarsawards](http://go.umd.edu/scholarsawards)**

**by 11:59pm on Monday, October 26, 2020**