

## **LEWIS & CLARK RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

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### **Description of Program**

Lewis & Clark Law School offers a Research Scholar program for students interested in working with faculty members to produce publishable scholarship for graded academic credit. Late April or early May the Curriculum Committee will publish a list of faculty members and topics available for research in the upcoming academic year. Each proposed topic will include the faculty sponsor's name, preferred or required prerequisite coursework (if any), whether the project must be completed in one semester or can be spread over two semesters, and academic credit (2-3 credits).

Students applying for Research Scholar credit are expected to meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year law student in the year for which scholar status is sought
2. Must have fulfilled their capstone writing requirement.
3. Must be willing and able to write a publishable paper in conjunction with the sponsoring faculty member

Students should submit their completed application packet to the faculty member(s) of their choice by date indicated by participating faculty. Applications to include the attached form, a cover letter of interest in the topic, the student's law school transcript, a copy of the student's capstone paper, and a resume or CV.

Participating faculty members will choose scholars on a competitive basis, considering scholarship, interest in the topic area, and demonstrated research and writing abilities. Faculty will notify scholars and the Registrar's Office of their selections by the end of May, so students will be able to register by the stated deadline. Selected students may apply their research scholar work towards the writing intensive experience (WIE) requirement as well as towards an applicable certificate program (after receiving advance approval by the program administrator). Successful scholars will receive an indication of their scholar status on their transcripts (as Research Scholar in Environmental Law or Research Scholar in Business Law, etc.) and in the commencement program.

### **Faculty Topic Submission Procedure**

Faculty who wish to participate in the upcoming academic year's Research Scholar program need to submit the following to Curriculum Committee support staff by mid-April:

1. A proposed research topic, in the form of a brief title and a descriptive paragraph about the issue
2. A statement describing your availability to supervise a Research Scholar during the time period of the research
3. Any coursework you wish or require the student to complete before undertaking the Scholar research
4. An estimate of the time commitment required (1 or 2 semesters)
5. An indication of the credit assigned to the topic (2 or 3 credits)

The Curriculum Committee will approve the final list of topics and sponsoring faculty and distribute to law students the list of topics with notations concerning any prerequisites, estimated time commitment and credit, and the description of the program including criteria for selection.