The Academic Research Committee (ARC) will review applications for EXCEL Scholar positions for the full Academic Year or the Fall Semester during the first week of the Fall Semester. The deadline for an internally (ARC) funded EXCEL scholar application for either the full academic year or fall semester is the **Monday before the Fall Semester classes begin**. This form also should be used to submit applications for full year or fall semester EXCEL positions that have external or alternate (non-ARC) funding.

Today's Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)

**Faculty mentor's contact information:**
- Last name
- First name
- Campus address
- Email address
- Phone number
- Department or Program
- Academic Rank

**Short title of proposed research:**

**Application for:**
- Academic Year
- Fall Semester
Information about the student. Please note that, except in extraordinary circumstances, internally funded Excel Scholars must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

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Is this a new proposal, or is this student replacing a student who is currently approved to work as an Excel Scholar? The other option is for faculty members who are simply seeking to switch students working on an ongoing, approved Excel Project.

- This is a new Excel Proposal
- This student will be replacing a current Excel Scholar

Please give the name of the student who will be replaced if this request is approved.

Are funds available to support this student's wages, other than via the ARC Excel budget? (External funding, professional funds, support from other sources on campus, etc.)

- Yes
- No

What is the alternate source of funding, and how much can it contribute toward this student's expenses?

Please indicate the Fund-Org-Account-Program number that the student's wages should be charged to:
This research involves (check as appropriate):

- [ ] Use of animals
- [ ] Use of human subjects
- [ ] Neither animals nor human subjects

Since you have indicated that your work involves the use of animals, what is the date of your IACUC approval?

Since you have indicated that your work involves human subjects, what is the date of your IRB approval?

The following questions assist us in setting up payroll for the EXCEL Scholar.

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<td>If the student is currently employed on campus, has her/his supervisor been notified of this proposal?</td>
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The EXCEL Scholars program is not a mechanism to provide wages for work done for academic credit. In particular, work done on an EXCEL Project must be sufficiently distinct from a student's honors thesis so that the student will be both paid and given academic credit for the same work.

☐ I certify that the work being proposed for this Excel Project is distinct from any work this Excel Scholar is doing for academic credit.
Please provide a brief, but complete, description of the proposed project; the description should be written for an audience that does not have expertise in the particular field(s) relevant to the project. Your description will help the Academic Research Committee better understand the scholarly merit of the planned work.

Please describe the student's qualifications to assist with this research project.

Please describe the role of the student on this project and the potential benefits to the student of working on this project.
What are the anticipated outcomes of this project? For example, if the project is successful, will it result in a performance? a presentation? a scholarly article?

If you have previously worked as an Excel Mentor, please briefly describe the results of some of your prior EXCEL Projects.

Thank you for answering ARC's questions. We do not require any additional information. If you would like to upload supplementary material, you can. Please upload all documentation as a combined PDF of all files or as a ZIP of all files. If you have difficulty uploading your documents, they can be sent via e-mail or campus mail to the Dean of Curriculum and Research, but they must be received by the deadline.

Please click on the Submit button to submit your proposal. You will then be redirected to a page containing your responses. We recommend clicking on the icon in the top right hand corner to create a PDF file for your records.