APPLICATION for an EXCEL SCHOLAR
The Academic Research Committee (ARC) will review applications for EXCEL Scholar positions for January Interim and the spring semester during its November meeting. (Note: Academic Year EXCEL Scholar awards do not automatically include funding for January interim. A separate application, using this form, is required.) The deadline for submitting an internally (ARC) funded EXCEL scholar application for January interim is the **Monday after Fall Break in October**. Applications for externally or non-ARC funded EXCEL Scholar positions for interim and/or spring also should be submitted via this form.

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**Faculty mentor’s contact information:**

- Last name
- First name
- Campus address
- Email address
- Department or Program
- Academic Rank

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**Short title of proposed research:**

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**Application for:**

- [ ] Winter Interim - current EXCEL scholar extension
- [ ] Winter Interim - new EXCEL application
- [ ] Spring semester - new EXCEL application

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**How many hours per week will the student spend on the EXCEL project during the 3-week winter interim?**

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**Will the EXCEL scholar require on-campus housing during the winter interim?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
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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Are funds available to support this student's wages, external to 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 Grant or 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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<td>Has an I-9 Employment Verification certification been filed with the Human Resources Office?</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 academic coursework so that the student will not be both paid and given academic credit for the same work. Is this student currently being given academic credit for any independent research (e.g., independent study, advanced research, honors thesis)?

Yes, and 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 described in the box below how the EXCEL work is distinct from the work to be completed for academic credit:

No, this student is not being given academic credit for any independent research

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. Please specify any anticipated outcomes (e.g., a performance, an exhibition, a presentation, a scholarly article, a book) of this project. Your description will help the Academic Research Committee better understand the scholarly merit of the planned work.

If you have previously been an EXCEL mentor, please briefly describe the results of some of your prior EXCEL projects:
Please describe the student's qualifications to assist with this research project.

Please describe the scholarly role of the student on this project and the student's expected activities. It is expected that the student will be engaged in active intellectual work.

Please describe the specific goals of the Winter Interim EXCEL project that the student will spend on the project during the 3-week interim.
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.