The CALS Diversity Committee is encouraging opportunities for undergraduate underrepresented minority students (African-American, Native American, and Hispanic) to conduct independent research. Students conduct research under the mentorship of a faculty member in the college. This opportunity encourages a close faculty-student relationship as well as experience with the research process. These experiences may enhance students’ direction and opportunities for their careers.

Funding is available to the faculty mentor to defray part of the costs of materials for the student’s research. Typical funding will be about $500, depending on the requests and available funding. New funds become available in the fall of each year, but a student may apply at any time of year, including for summer research. Although there is no deadline for requests, funding will be awarded only if still available.

Students may obtain an application for funding independent research in 140 Roberts Hall. Complete applications should be returned to Don Viands in 177 Roberts Hall. Students who wish to receive academic credit for independent research must also register using the CALS Special Studies form available online (https://dust.cals.cornell.edu/IndStudyPolicy.aspx).
APPLICATION FOR
UNDERGRADUATE UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY RESEARCH PROGRAM

N.Y.S. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

Name __________________________ Date of Application ___________
   (Last)   (First)   (M.I.)

C.U. I.D. # __________________________ Tel. __________________________

Local Address __________________________

E-Mail Address __________________________

Class (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Ethnicity (circle one): African-American Native American Hispanic

Major __________________________ Faculty Advisor __________________________

Description of Research Project:

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Tentative Research Title: __________________________

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Term(s) when project will be carried out __________________________

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APPROVAL:

Faculty Academic Advisor

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(Signature)   (Print)   (Date)

Research Project Advisor or Supervisor

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(Signature)   (Print)   (Date)

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N.Y.S. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
UNDERGRADUATE MINORITY RESEARCH BUDGET PROPOSAL

Name ________________________________ (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Estimated Expenses: (Please itemize) $____________

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* Total Requested $____________

* Realistic budgeting is encouraged. Typical funding will be about $500, depending on requests and available funding.

List sources and amounts of funding you have acquired for your research:

________________________________________ $___________
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Date ___________________________ Signed ___________________________
(Faculty Research Supervisor)

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