Date: January 21, 2014

To: Faculty and Students
From: Bart D. Finzel, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean
Subject: Student Research Awards: UMM Bos Research Award, the Owen and Frances Tate Memorial Award, and the Discovery Scholarship

Deadline: February 21, 2014

I invite students to apply for three awards offered by UMM to promote student research and scholarship: The UMM Bos Research Award, the Owen and Frances Tate Memorial Award, and/or the Discovery Scholarship, new this year.

The UMM Bos Research Fund

The UMM Bos Research Fund has been established to enhance the undergraduate research experiences of UMM students. Funds are available to cover expenses for undergraduate travel expenses related to research, with preference for expenses related to presentation of research/scholarship at conferences or similar. Highest preference will be given for travel expenses related to research/scholarly presentations followed by travel expenses related to data acquisition. Other expenses related to research or other scholarly activity would be considered only if funds permit and other sources have been explored.

Typically, awards will not exceed 50% of the total expenses, so that more students can benefit from the fund. Meal and food expenses will not be considered for the award. A cap may be imposed on total expenses reimbursed when groups of students apply to travel to the same conference. Only students who are actually presenting will be reimbursed through this fund.

All students are eligible to apply, including previous recipients who may apply for a second award from the fund, although first-time applications will be favored over previous recipients. A preference will be given to Juniors and Seniors. The size of the awards will be based on the number of applicants and need. Awards will be given for travel occurring within the same fiscal year as the decision.

Owen and Frances Tate Memorial Award

The purpose of this fund is to honor the memories of Owen and Frances Tate (lifelong west central Minnesota residents) and to support student-learning activities at UMM that do not have other funding sources available. The funds are awarded to cover travel expenses for students presenting scholarly work at symposia and professional meetings, or engaging in artistic activities, research projects, or performances outside of the UMM campus community that will showcase the University of Minnesota, Morris to a broader learning community.

The awards cover up to $500 of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the student, after applying for other resources, not to exceed 50% of the total expenses. Meal and food expenses will not be considered for the award. Students are expected to secure funding for the other half
of their expenses from other sources, including personal sources, the UMM Bos Research Fund, or other campus and divisional sources.

All students are eligible to apply, including previous recipients who may apply for a second award from the fund, although first-time applications will be favored over previous recipients. One award of up to $500 will be given this year.

Students will receive reimbursement for documented expenses following the activity being funded; the screening committee will provide prior approval before the expenses are incurred. The funds must be used within one calendar year of the award.

Recipients will be recognized in the annual Student Honors and Awards program.

**The Discovery Scholarship**

The purpose of this fund is to provide significant support to a limited number of sophomores, juniors, or seniors engaging in undergraduate research. The scholarship will cover up to $800 of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the student for travel to a conference or symposia to present research findings or other research related costs.

The awards cover up to $800 of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the student, after applying for other resources. Meal and food expenses will not be considered for the award. Students are expected to secure funding for the remainder of their expenses from other sources, including personal sources, the UMM Bos Research Fund, or other campus and divisional sources.

All students are eligible to apply, including previous recipients who may apply for a second award from the fund, although first-time applications will be favored over previous recipients. Two awards will be given this year.

Students will receive reimbursement for documented expenses following the activity being funded; the screening committee will provide prior approval before the expenses are incurred. The funds must be used within one calendar year of the award.

Recipients will be recognized in the annual Student Honors and Awards program.

**Application forms for the three awards are available on line at** [http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/acad_affairs/aavarious.html#studentresearch](http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/acad_affairs/aavarious.html#studentresearch) **and must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM, February 21, 2014 to:**

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