

## **ELLIOTT L. BLINN AWARD FOR FACULTY-UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INNOVATIVE BASIC RESEARCH/CREATIVE WORK**

### **Purpose**

This award recognizes innovative basic research/creative work conducted by individual faculty members in collaboration with undergraduate students and supports collaborations with additional students. The award is given in memory of Dr. Elliott Blinn, Professor of Chemistry, who devoted his career to sharing with his undergraduate students the excitement of the process of discovery by directly involving them in innovative basic research/creative work.

### **Number of Awards and Amount**

- A total of \$5,000 is available each year.
- Up to \$2,500 may be awarded directly to a recipient. Additional funds, up to \$2,500, may be made available as a grant to that recipient for use in involving additional undergraduates in research.
- Up to two awards may be conferred each year.

### **Award Criteria**

- The significance of the project to the student's educational development.
- The role of the faculty member in furthering this development.
- The significance of the research/creative work to the discipline.
- The faculty member's plan for involving additional students in research/creative work.

### **Supporting Documentation**

- A description of the project and results. This can be in the form of a copy of a report/paper/project submitted by the student to the faculty member to earn credit for the project, a copy of a publication, presentation, etc., that resulted from the project, etc.
- A statement from the student(s) that (1) explains what he/she learned about the process of discovery from the project and (2) describes the faculty member's role in encouraging and supporting the project.
- A statement from the faculty member that (1) indicates why he/she believes having undergraduate students participate in research/creative work is important to their development, (2) describes what he/she believes the student(s) learned from the research/creative work experience, and (3) explains how he/she would use a grant to involve additional students in research/creative work.
- The signature of the dean of the faculty member's college should be obtained prior to submitting the nomination packet to the Provost's Office.

### **Nominations/Applications**

- Nominations/applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs by Monday, March 17, 2008.