



Portz Interdisciplinary Fellowship

Honors Director/Dean Letter of Confirmation

The Portz Interdisciplinary Fellowship provides significant funding for exceptional honors students. Your Letter of Confirmation provides affirmation that the student(s) involved in this proposed project are utilizing key interdisciplinary elements as required by the committee.

Separate faculty letters of endorsement are requested and submitted directly by faculty. This letter is uniquely provided by the Honors Director/Dean. Once completed, please submit this Letter of Confirmation to the NCHC via this link: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2642589/Portz-Fellowship-Letters-of-Support>

Project Title: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Host Institution: _____

*The following five elements of interdisciplinary research are expected to be incorporated within the proposal and, ultimately, through the scholarly work and product. **Please initial your endorsement that the project utilizes each element:***

___ Interdisciplinary research addresses a problem or question that is too complex to be answered satisfactorily by any one discipline. The proposal should clearly state a complex question, identify two (or more) disciplines involved in the project, and note why these disciplines are necessary to address that question.

___ Interdisciplinary research demonstrates competence across disciplines involved in addressing the question posed by the researcher(s). The proposal should note disciplinary competency and awareness of differences in shared or key concepts.

___ Interdisciplinary research draws from diverse and distinct scholarly work. The proposal should draw upon relevant and diverse specialized research within identified disciplinary communities (generally considered to share a set of guiding concepts, theories, and methods).

___ Methodologies of interdisciplinary research reflect the strength and diversity of research methods. The proposal should note how the research methods draw from more than one discipline and acknowledge the strengths – and weaknesses – of particular methods and theories.

___ Interdisciplinary research draws from relevant and active disciplinary perspectives. The proposal should acknowledge the dynamic nature of all disciplines and integrate ‘best’ elements of disciplinary insights that offer something new and applicable beyond the prompting question.

Honors Director/Dean name: _____

Institution: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____