Simon Public Research Award

The Simon Family Foundation made a particular point quite clear when they provided the donation for this award:

"Provide talented and motivated students with opportunity to do community-based research that will enrich their educational experience as well as contribute to the welfare of the communities in which these fellowships take place."

In order to honor their bequest, and to recognize the incredible strain that our community partner (CP) organizations are feeling during this pandemic, we are allowing for additional applications for this year’s Simon Award to come directly from faculty, with a letter of agreement coming from the student.

In 500 words or less, please describe how the work that you and the student will engage in will be:

- An enriching educational experience;
- Befitting of the student’s readiness –to work flexibly, remotely, independently and/or in collaboration with the faculty (again remotely and/or in person if restrictions are lifted);
- A plan for moving a greater work forward –meaning how will the overall partnership between CP and faculty be enhanced by the work done by the student this summer;
- The impact of the work on the CP -How will the work address goals and priorities of the partner, or as part of a broader project addressing these priorities?

"Please note: faculty may put forward as many projects or support as many applicants as they wish, but you may have only one Simon award winner in either competition in a single year.

Students are obligated to summarize the work of their summer in a reflective essay submitted to FOUR no later than October 1, 2021.

Award amount: $4000 directly to the student as a stipend. Research expenses are not funded.

Please submit the essay with a letter of agreement from the student to four@uvm.edu by April 9, 2021 at 4:00 pm.