

# THE GENEVIEVE GILLETTE FELLOWSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of a long-time friend of undergraduate education at Michigan State University, the Honors College announces the availability of at least two Genevieve Gillette Fellowships for the upcoming summer. Before her death in 1986, Miss Gillette, an alumna of Michigan State College, made a distinguished career in landscape architecture and was an active partisan of the public park system in Michigan. A plaque and nature walk at the P. J. Hoffmaster State Park near Muskegon, Michigan, commemorate her contributions to the preservation of the State's natural beauty.

During her lifetime Genevieve Gillette took a keen interest in the development of her alma mater and left it a bequest for purposes of fostering research by undergraduates. She understood very well the importance of starting early to cultivate the discipline and skills needed for productive professional careers. Hence these Fellowships, which are open to students in all fields of study, are expressly designed to give undergraduates the time and support they need to develop a researchable topic and devise a strategy that will enable them to complete and present a significant senior project.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applications are invited from Honors College students who will be doing research during the summer before the year of graduation, and who are planning to produce a senior thesis or some equivalent project as a part of their course of study. Depending on the availability of funds, consideration may be given to capstone projects which must be completed as a condition of graduation.

**TERMS:** (1) Successful applicants will receive a stipend of at least \$2,200 to cover their living expenses during two months of the upcoming summer. While enjoying the support of the Gillette Fellowships, students will be free to do the library or laboratory work needed to develop a suitable topic for in-depth investigation and to work out a plan for assembling and analyzing the relevant materials. In the process they should maintain periodic contact with at least one faculty member who has agreed to supervise the research project. At the end of the award period each student will submit, via the supervising faculty member, a report on the work accomplished and a short statement describing the plans for the senior thesis or equivalent activity.

(2) Gillette Fellows may not be enrolled during the summer of the award.

(3) During their senior year Gillette Fellows are assured of support from the Honors College Research Fund (to a maximum of \$500) for costs incurred in the completion of their senior thesis or equivalent activity. Among the expenses which the Fund will cover are: travel to archives or special collections; copying of documents not locally available; travel to a professional conference; payment to human subjects of psychological research; purchase of equipment or supplies.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** By the 1st of March applicants should have submitted an application via the online scholarship system (<https://scholarships.msu.edu/>). The application will consist of a personal statement describing in some detail the origins and nature of their research interest(s), the nature of the research proposed, and its implications for further scholarly or professional activity. You will be asked to name a faculty member who is the prospective mentor for the research activity or otherwise well acquainted with the applicant's interests and capabilities from whom we will seek a letter of support.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Recipients of Genevieve Gillette Fellowships will be notified around April 15.