Liberal Arts Research Collaborative–FAQ

What is it?
A program that gives students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences an opportunity to work collaboratively with a faculty member on a project related to the faculty member’s area of research or pedagogy.

When is it?
LARC will run every summer from 2015 until 2017. Student work will, in most cases, last for nine weeks, starting in early June and ending at the end of July.

Who can apply?
Any returning CLA student.

Do I get paid?
Yes. Students will receive a $4000 stipend.

What will I actually be doing during those nine weeks?
That will largely depend upon which faculty member you’re working with. You might be spending your time in an archive, or doing field work, or utilizing an online database of periodicals or old books. You might also be designing a set for a play, working on a series of paintings, or generating an annotated bibliography of theoretical works. Unlike a Carson project where the project’s design is entirely up to the student, these LARC projects will emerge out of a conversation between individual faculty members and their student collaborators. Either way, you will be researching and writing full-time for nine-weeks.

What will I be expected to produce at the end of the summer?
By the end of the summer, every LARC student is expected to have produced a substantive and original project (e.g. body of artistic work, interpretive essay, argumentative research paper, or multimedia product) suitable for public dissemination. Students will present their work on campus in September.
How do I connect up with faculty members who are participating in LARC?
The LARC fall forum will be held on November 6 from 11:30 to 12:40 in the Montag Den (bring your own lunch, coffee/tea and dessert will be served). Every faculty member interested in participating in LARC 2015 will be at that meeting and will give a brief overview of their summer 2015 research plan. We will be sure to leave plenty of time for informal networking at the end, so if a project strikes your fancy, go introduce yourself to that professor (if you don't know them already). If you can not attend that forum (or are reading this after the forum has occurred), you can find on the LARC website a list of interested faculty and short descriptions of their proposed research.

What are the deadlines for application
You should contact the professor you are interested in working with by December 1. Final applications are due by January 16.

Have questions or want more information? Check out the website at www.willamette.edu/cla/larc or contact the program director Prof. Sarah Bishop at <sbishop>.