

WISCONSIN SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM
Report from Dr. Gubbi Sudhakaran, Associate Director for Research (for 2015-2016)
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Undergraduate Research Program (Award up to \$3,500): This year we received **14** proposals from students from seven institutions: Carthage College (one), UW-Madison (four), Marquette University (one), UW-La Crosse (three), UW-Oshkosh (two), UW-Milwaukee (one), and UW-Whitewater (two). The proposals were evaluated by a panel of eight reviewers from the WSGC Technical Advisory Committee members. Based on the scores and reviewers' comments, we funded the top **11** student proposals. The current funding level for this program was just enough to fund approximately eight proposals; however, with help from Director Kevin Crosby, funds were moved from the Research Infrastructure Program to the Undergraduate Research Program so that we could fund four more worthy proposals. Last year we received ten proposals and funded the top nine proposals. I am extremely pleased with the level of participation from students and hope to attract more students for 2016.

My sincere thanks goes to WSGC staff for administering this program in a very efficient way. The call for proposals, seeking reviewers, sending information to reviewers, and collecting the scores and comments from the reviewers was extremely well done. My only suggestion for any improvement to next year's process would be for WSGC staff or the Associate Director to send an email message on the published Award Announcement Day to the student and mentor applicants informing them of the status of their proposal. Several students and mentors this year were concerned when they received no update on the Award Announcement Day.

Research Infrastructure Program (Award up to \$5,000): We received only **one** RIP proposal (UW-Whitewater) this year. The proposal was evaluated by the associate Director and the proposal was recommended for funding. Last year we received six proposals and funded the top five proposals.

Special Research Seed Grant (award up to \$10,000): Due to the non-availability of funds for this year, we did not seek proposals for the Special Research Seed Grant program

I'm sorry that I am unable to attend the Spring 2015 AC meeting due to my attendance on April 14-19th at NCUR 2015 as Chair of the NCUR Oversight Committee.

Thank you to all Technical Advisory Committee members who participated in the evaluation process for the UGR proposals.

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