

# **2026 Reeves Summer Research Program**

## **Major Program Changes for Students:**

### **1. Program length and expectations.**

This is now a 9 week program (lasting all of June and July). Students are expected to dedicate 29 hours per week toward their project. Students may not hold other campus jobs during the program (jobs in May, August, or the school year are fine).

### **2. Program compensation has increased.**

Students receive a \$3000 stipend (~\$11.50 per hour); free on-campus housing for the duration of the program (Move in on May 29; Move out on July 31); funding for material expenses related to the research project; and a \$600 travel allowance to allow you to attend and present your work at conferences.

### **3. Summer experience includes light weekly programming.**

Students will participate in weekly on-campus activities related to their research and how to leverage their research for graduate program admissions and future job applications.

### **4. Applications include a student impact statement.**

Your application must include a statement (up to 1 page) written by you that specifically addresses why this program would be impactful for your future career or professional goals.

Your statement should seek to answer the following questions:

- a. Why are you interested in this research project?
- b. What are your future educational and career goals following graduation from Wingate University, and how will this program benefit these career goals?
- c. How have your previous experiences (such as prior research) prepared you to be successful in this program?

## **Major Program Changes for Faculty:**

### **1. Proposals may now accommodate up to 2 students.**

Each project must include 1 faculty mentor and up to 2 research students. Faculty stipends and project expenses are slightly increased for the projects involving 2 students. All projects will be evaluated in an identical manner regardless of the number of students.

### **2. Changes to the program evaluation process.**

Criteria such as the scholarly merit of the proposal, feasibility of the project, and potential for publication are still considered, but will be de-emphasized in favor of selecting projects likely to make a significant impact for those who participate in it. This means that the most critical part of your application are the mentor and student impact statements.

### **3. Please read over Major Program Changes for Students for more information.**

Consult the full Program Description for more information about the changes and application process.