Student Summer Scholar Program Application Examples

A5. Commitment to Project

Example 1

a. During the Spring/Summer of 2023 I will not be teaching any classes, and I will have minimal additional administrative obligations. I do not intend to spend time preparing for teaching in the fall semester during the Student Summer Scholars grant period. As Director of the Office of College, I will be overseeing a 1.5 hour quarterly Advisory Council meeting in the first week of June. As I am not on contract for the Office during the summer, so the other project management tasks I will be doing will take up no more than 8 hours a week in May and the first week of June, and then not all until after the Student Summer Scholars program is completed. I do not anticipate that this will interfere with my mentorship responsibilities through the S3 program. On the contrary, one of the strategic things about this research project is it both draws on connections I have made in my work as Director of the Office but will also contribute to my ongoing relationship building with the local history organizations whose resources we need. I do plan to be out of the Grand Rapids area in Cheboygan for a few long weekends, but I will be available via zoom at that time.

b. If the grant is given, I will spend my time solely on this research project. In previous summers I have worked up to 60 hours a week, but I do not have plans to take on a job during the summer. My past work experience gives me a good sense of what it is like to work full-time during the summer. I commit to spending 40 hours a week on this project. I am looking forward to working on something so valuable to me. I have a few long-weekend vacations planned for the summer, one in July and one in August, but I do not anticipate these being an issue with the project. With my familial connection to the project, this is a very important topic for me.