

SPARK-Supported Research - Opportunities for Nazareth Faculty

Can I bring on SPARK-eligible students to help me with my research over the summer? If so, how many hours are expected and can I receive compensation?

Faculty interested in conducting research over the summer months ARE able to seek assistance with their own projects and offer research support opportunities to [SPARK-eligible students](#) (see link for details on eligibility).

Students receiving a SPARK grant for research are enrolled in a corresponding research overview course taught by the Director of ORSI while they are participating in the experience. Students will be enrolled in a 1, 2, or 3 credit SPARK research course (OCL 373 or OCL 472).

COURSE**	CREDITS	STUDENT HOURS	SUPERVISION EXPECTATIONS	FACULTY STIPEND***
OCL 373* (or departmental course)	1 credit	equates to 50 experience hours	5 hour minimum (communication structured as relevant to work)	\$300
OCL 373* (or departmental course)	2 credits	equates to 80 experience hours	10 hour minimum (communication structured as relevant to work)	\$600
OCL 472* (or departmental course)	3 credits	equates to 120 experience hours	15 hour minimum (communication structured as relevant to work)	\$1000

*These OCL courses are only available in the summer

**OCL courses taught by Director of Sponsored Programs and will include reflective assignments related to the research process

***Faculty stipend is for 1-3 students. If a faculty member is mentoring more than 3 students, an additional \$150/student will be added to the base stipend for all three tiers.

What's the application process?

- With your selected student, complete the [SPARK grant research application](#).
- Encourage your selected student to connect with their career coach to complete the remainder of the SPARK application process (requires a resume).

What else do I need to know?

- SPARK research grants are ONLY awarded in the summer (student assistance for research conducted during the academic year is supported through GA positions and student employment)
- Recipients of SPARK Grants for research will participate in a special SPARK Research Session as part of Nazareth's annual Creative Activity and Research Showcase (CARS) event.
- If the student is not SPARK eligible, consider the [SOARS program](#).
- DEADLINE - student must be enrolled in the research course and applications turned in by the start of Summer A.

EXAMPLES OF HOW STUDENTS MIGHT ASSIST YOU:

Archival Research

Data Analysis

Data Collection

Digital Humanities and New Media production

Field Work

Laboratory Work

Literature Review

Online exhibitions

STEM development