

## 2022-2023 IAN FLEMING FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Fleming Research Scholarship has been donated by the Ian Fleming Foundation to honor the late Ian Lancaster Fleming, journalist, critic, travel writer, and author of the James Bond novels. The purpose of these funds is to provide incentive and support to outstanding undergraduate students to become involved in primary media and/or film criticism research/projects with College of Media faculty. Funds are offered each year to undergraduate students who possess an outstanding track record of academic achievements along with independent research potential.

The Ian Fleming Foundation (IFF) was formed in July, 1992 by Dr. Michael L. VanBlaricum, John Cork, and Douglas Redenius. The IFF is dedicated to studying and preserving the works of Ian Fleming, most specifically his James Bond series and its impact on popular culture. The group aims to restore and preserve memorabilia from the James Bond films. Dr. VanBlaricum is a University of Illinois graduate; he established this research scholarship here in the College of Media. [More information on the IFF can be found on the group's website.](#)

For the 2022-2023 academic year, the College of Media will be awarding a maximum of four Ian Fleming Research Scholarships. Students who are currently participating in research around film (criticism, history of, or advertising in film), contemporary film production, travel writing, the evolution of print journalism, or participating in related independent study projects are eligible to apply. Each awardee will be awarded up to a \$1,000 scholarship upon completion of the academic research. **Proof of completion will be required before funding will be awarded.**

### **Who should apply?**

Undergraduate students in every College of Media major—Media & Cinema Studies, Journalism, Advertising, CS + Advertising—and at every level, freshman to senior, are eligible to apply if they are participating in research (either their own or with faculty) or an independent study project with a Media faculty member in any area of film history or criticism, advertising in film, contemporary film production including the areas of film merchandising/memorabilia, travel writing, or history and evolution of print journalism. This may be a semester or academic year-long project.

### **How do I apply?**

Submit the [online application](#) by the stated deadlines:

- For research/project work during the Fall 2022 semester, 5pm on October 14
- For research/project work during the Spring 2023 semester, 5pm on February 10

You will be asked to provide:

#### ***Brief bio***

In 250 words, tell us about yourself: Name, hometown, what you're studying, what excites you about doing film research this academic year.

#### ***Research/Project description***

Submit at least a 300 word detailed description of the research or independent study you are completing. The review committee should be able to clearly understand your project and the outcomes you are hoping to learn about. Include reference to the instructor(s) you are working with if applicable.

### **When will I receive the scholarship?**

Awardees chosen for an Ian Fleming Research Scholarship will receive the full amount of their award upon completion of their research. This can be proven in one of three ways:

1. Successful completion of a semester-long independent study with a Media instructor in which the course project revolves around the student's or faculty's research
2. Proof of participation in the 2023 Undergraduate Research Symposium
3. Submission of research findings as a digital presentation to [media-ssc@illinois.edu](mailto:media-ssc@illinois.edu) no later than May 1, 2023