TCNJ Mentored Undergraduate Summer Experience (MUSE)

TCNJ’s Signature Experiences

• Personalized, Collaborative and Rigorous Education
• Undergraduate Research, Mentored Internships and Field Experiences
• Community Engaged Learning
• Global Engagement
• Leadership Development
TCNJ Mentored Undergraduate Summer Experience

- Provide a cohesive set of coordinated activities and experiences designed to foster the intellectual independence, professional growth, and personal growth of the student participants.
- Support faculty scholarly and creative activity.
- Facilitate a cross-disciplinary MUSE community (e.g., discussions, workshops, research forums, peer review of presentation/manuscript drafts, professional development programming, social events).
- **Foster outcomes** from faculty-student projects (e.g., performances, conference presentations, manuscripts, grant proposals).
- Foster early engagement of students in original projects.
- Support student entry into competitive graduate programs and employment.
- Attract external funding (grants, gifts, sponsorships) to augment the ongoing funding provided by the Office of Academic Affairs, in order to grow the program.
Main Events

Three Community Lunches

- Opening Lunch - Monday, June 6 - *We Made it!*
- Meet your Mentor Lunch - Monday, June 27
- MUSE Career Networking Lunch (co-sponsored with Career Center) - Monday, July 25

Trenton Thunder Game June 30th

MUSE community pizza party nights*

- First one on Tuesday, June 15

*Check out the google calendar!

*mainly for students but faculty mentors are welcome too*
Main Events

Professional Development Sessions:

- Fellowship Information Session - Wednesday, June 22
- Resume workshop - Wednesday, July 13
- Poster making workshop - Tuesday, July 19

We will be seeking a few faculty volunteers these events

Student-organized and -led evening events

Check out the google calendar!
Supply Budget

**MUSE 2022 Faculty Funds** are available in the Oracle Cloud projects

- assigned the POET Task Number

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**Google drive folder** with **Faculty Funds - Training Materials**

Review the training video and all of the resource aids.

- Notify both Jeanette Vega, vegaj@tcnj.edu, and Norma Garza, garzan@tcnj.edu, that you have completed the training requirement.
- Jeanette will submit a request to update your Projects module access as needed in Oracle.
MUSE Brochure

The following information will be collected in July

Title of Project

Brief description of project

Photos of Students:  
This could be any of the following:

- group photo
- individual students
- photos of students in the field, lab, or creative space
- other
MUSE Poster Session

Poster Session September 13th 12:30-1:30pm

In the Recreation Center

Team can have more than one poster

MUSE will pay for poster printing* (not for lamination)
MUSE Report and Poster pdf for Repository

Report Deadline: February 1, 2023

- Email report to: fscollab@tcnj.edu

Poster pdf for Repository:

- Faculty must also provide a pdf of their final MUSE Poster or Oral Presentation for archiving at the R. Barbara Gitenstein Library’s Institutional Repository.

- Information about uploading the poster/oral presentation will be sent at the end of the 2022 MUSE program.

(Note: These materials will be made accessible online through the repository only if MUSE students sign a FERPA [Family Education Rights and Privacy Act] waiver form and consent to their release. By default, poster or oral presentations will be archived solely within the TCNJ network; mentors may elect to make these materials publicly available, at the mentor’s request.)
Recruiting students to participate

Matching Program for MUSE 2023

● Designed to increase awareness of the MUSE program among students across the campus and to ultimately assist in recruiting students.

● This event will take place in late Fall semester ‘22 through Zoom or Airmeet, a virtual platform that mimics roundtable sessions.

● Faculty Mentors will host several 10-minute interactive “Lightning Talks” promoting their research program/project to students who are interested in MUSE.
  ○ There will be 5-minutes to present, followed by 5-minutes for discussion or questions. In total, we anticipate 5 rounds of each 10-minute talk.
Questions?

Feel free to contact us!

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TCNJ MUSE Website
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• 8 Week, full-time program (June-July) in which students:
  • Work closely with faculty mentor
  • Attend Professional Development sessions
  • Give a presentation of their project findings to the campus community
  • Both faculty and students receive stipends (and students receive housing if requested)

• In summer 2021, 84 undergraduate students worked with 50 faculty mentors