***Augustana Research Foundation***

**2012-2013 Student Research Assistantships**

The Augustana Research Foundation was established and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the state of Illinois in 1947 by Augustana chemistry professors Edward Hill and Edwin Erickson. The purpose of the Research Foundation is to encourage, support and conduct scientific investigations at Augustana College.

Four to six Student Research Assistantship (SRA) Awards are offered annually to Augustana Faculty Members. The possible awards are:

Hill-Erickson Award in Natural Sciences

Robert Berntsen Award in the Natural Sciences

Manley Hoppe Award in the Natural Sciences

Lloyd Schwiebert Award in Political Science/History (emphasizing progressive politics)

Augustana Research Foundation Award in Social Sciences

Augustana Research Foundation Award in either Natural or Social Sciences

The purpose of these awards is two-fold. Each award will be made to an Augustana College faculty member for the purpose of providing:

* a student with a year-long enriching research experience , and
* the faculty member with a research assistant.

Each award gives a faculty member the opportunity to apprentice a student in her/his own research for an entire academic year, work closely with that student on one or several research projects, and engage the student in a variety of research experiences. Each SRA will pay a student $8.25/hour to work as a research assistant for 4 hours per week for 10 weeks each term throughout one academic year (a total of 3 terms, 30 weeks, 120 hours).

The application, submitted by the faculty member, consists of a two page proposal specifying

* faculty member identifying information
* nature of the research project(s) (approximately 1 page)
* specific roles and responsibilities of the student research assistant
* anticipated outcomes

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to Dr. Douglas Nelson (douglasnelson@augustana.edu), Director of Research, by Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Announcement of the awards for 2012-2013 will be made on Tuesday, April 3. Each faculty member receiving an SRA will be expected to have selected the student research assistant by the end of the eighth week of the spring term.

At the end of the spring term of the award year, the faculty member will be asked to submit a one-page report detailing progress on each of the anticipated outcomes (as stated in the proposal). In addition, the Augustana Research Foundation Board of Directors will invite the student awardees to attend a spring dinner meeting at which they will be honored guests and will be expected to present a brief summary of their experience as a research assistant.