RULES:

1. The entry must be an essay by a University of Delaware undergraduate presenting an account of a significant research project for which the undergraduate was the primary investigator. A section of a senior thesis is acceptable if the excerpt has been adapted so that it can stand on its own.

2. Although there is no prescribed length for the essay, entries are normally expected to be about 10 pages.

3. The essay must communicate research results in a way that is both understandable and interesting to a general educated audience. Students are encouraged to call upon the Writing Center for assistance with the writing of their essays. Note that full documentation is required for a general audience as well as for readers in the field.

4. Essays must be submitted "blind." Author's name, campus address, and permanent address should appear on a page separate from the title page.

5. Each essay must have the written support of a faculty sponsor who recommends the research as publishable undergraduate work and helps the selection committee to understand the nature of the student's contributions to the field. The Faculty Sponsor's Support Statement Form must accompany the essay when it is submitted.

6. An abstract of no more than 250 words must accompany the entry.

7. Winners will present their research at the Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Ceremony Reception.

Requirements for Submission:

1. Submit one (1) copy of the following: Cover page with essay title, abstract, essay. Use paper clips to attach the above documents - DO NOT BIND.

2. Submit one (1) copy of the identification sheet, which must include the following information: Name, address and phone (campus/local and home), title of essay. Do not put the above information on any document other than the identification sheet.

3. Submit one (1) copy of the Faculty Support Statement Form, which is in two (2) parts. This form is available at the Undergraduate Research Program, 12 W Delaware Ave, Newark DE 19716.

Submit all materials to: The Undergraduate Research Office at 12 W Delaware Ave.

Submission deadline: Monday, April 21, 2008
Awards announced by: Friday, May 2, 2008
Presentation of awards/winners present research: Friday, May 9, 2008

MORE INFORMATION: Information, forms, and advisement are available from your faculty research sponsor and from the Undergraduate Research Program, 12 W Delaware Ave. (phone: 831-8995, email: UndergradResearch@udel.edu)