UR USF Research Grants for Undergraduates

The Office of Undergraduate Research is pleased to announce two sources of funding, UR USF Travel Awards and UR USF Research Grants, available to undergraduate researchers in 2005-06. Research includes any and all scholarly and/or creative investigation through which analysis and interpretation lead to presentable conclusions. The presentation may take a myriad of forms, including but not limited to, papers, abstracts, exhibitions or performances. Any student engaged in research, scholarship or creative activity leading to a tangible product will be eligible to apply for a Research Grant, which will be for up to $500.

Normally, grant money will not be awarded for projects conducted as part of their coursework. Students may, however, apply for grants to support thesis research or to expand substantively on research begun as coursework in a previous semester. Students whose own research, including creative activity, has been selected for scholarly presentation or performance at a conference or other institution, or who are co-authors on a mentor’s scholarly presentation selected for a conference, are eligible to apply for the Travel Award, which will cover up to $500 of conference-related expenses. Students are eligible to apply to both programs and it is anticipated that recipients of Research Grants will be competitive applicants for Travel Awards in subsequent semesters.

There are three deadlines: September 15, 2005, by 5 p.m.
January 15, 2006, by 5 p.m.
April 21, 2006, by 5 p.m.

Research Grants: Students engaged in a clearly-defined research, scholarship or creative activity that is expected to lead to a tangible product (conference presentation, poster, article, performance, thesis) are eligible to apply. Generally, students should be participating in research for a minimum of 8-hours a week, although exceptions will be made. The application, available from the Office of Undergraduate Research, requires a brief description of the project and its significance, a time-line for the project, a plan for dissemination of results, a budget and supporting documentation from the faculty mentor. Students seeking support for travel for field work should apply for this grant, rather than the travel award.

Travel Awards: Students whose own research, including creative activity, has been selected for a conference presentation or important public performance or who are co-authors on a project to be presented by the mentor may apply for awards to cover up to $500 of conference-related expenses, including transportation, lodging, registration and per diem. The application, available from the Office of Undergraduate Research and online at www.ur.usf.edu, requires a brief description of the presentation and its significance, as well as the nature of the conference, again keeping in mind that the proposal may be reviewed by scholars outside of a student’s specific discipline. In addition to a budget and supporting documentation from the faculty mentor, specific evidence that the presentation has been accepted must be provided. Students seeking
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Within one month of the conclusion of the grant period for the research grant, or within one month after the travel is completed for the travel award, recipients must submit a grant report specifying the activities completed, the results achieved and the disposition of any funds awarded. In addition, wherever possible, students are expected to submit their work for consideration at USF’s Undergraduate Research Symposium. Failure to complete the report will result in exclusion from any future funding opportunities from the Office of Undergraduate Research, including REU’s.

All applications should be submitted to:
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Name
University ID

Contact info
Email
Phone Number (s)
Current Mailing Address

The following information is optional and will not be considered a part of the application process. This information, however, can help the Office of Undergraduate Research more easily to identify students who might eligible for a particular opportunity or scholarship, as well as enable us to monitor whether our efforts are reaching the full diversity of the USF community.

Gender □ F □ M □ No Answer
Ethnicity
Are you in the Honors College □ Yes □ No

**** (information above this line will not be available to the reviewers****
Semester and year started at USF
Estimated semester and year of graduation
Major
GPA

Faculty mentor
Mentor’s contact info
Email
Phone Number (s)
Campus Address

Research Experience: Please list all research experiences, REU participation, previous grants, research-related awards or prizes, conference presentations, publications, etc.

Research Training: Please list any research methods courses, including “Discovery,” UR workshops attended, etc. along with dates of attendance (month or semester and year)

If you work with human or non-human subjects, have you completed IRB training and certification? □ Yes □ No
Please attach a copy of your current certificate of training, as well as evidence that the appropriate IRB has approved the research.
Title of Proposed Research Project

Brief Description of Project and its Significance. Please remember that your proposal may be reviewed by scholars outside your specific discipline. (250 word maximum)

If you are engaged in a mentor’s research project, how is your own research distinguishable from that of your mentor?

Semester(s) in which project will be conducted:

Will you be enrolled full-time? □ Yes □ No  Grant recipients must be enrolled full-time (12 hour min.) during the grant period, except in summer, when they may be enrolled part-time (3 hour min.) in order to devote more hours to research.

Are you receiving/will you receive academic credit or pay for any portion of this project? □ Yes □ No  If so, explain.

Time-line for Completion of Project, including number of hours per week to be spent on research. How do you plan to carry out your research and apportion your time during the grant period?

Budget. Please show how you will use the grant money. List and justify all travel, equipment, materials and other research-related expenses. You may also include a stipend for yourself.

Dissemination of results. Once your project is complete, how do you plan to share your results (e.g. symposium or conference presentation, publication, performance, etc.)? Generally, recipients are expected to apply to present at USF’s Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Future directions for research. How will this project help further your research, educational and/or career goals?
FACULTY PORTION

Student: please give to your faculty mentor. Faculty mentor: please complete return to us via campus mail at UR USF, SVC 1088.

I have read and reviewed this student’s research plan and support this application.

Date:

Signature

Level of endorsement (1-5, with 5 being highest endorsement):

How long have you known this student?

In what capacity have you worked with this student?

How feasible is the research plan?

How significant is the proposed research?

Is this project part of your own research program? ☐ Yes ☐ No Explain.

Is this or any research the student conducts with you funded? ☐ Yes ☐ No Explain.

In your opinion, what kind of impact will receiving this grant have on the student’s ability to complete the proposed work and the student’s future research, educational, career or personal goals?

Comments: