

Undergraduate Faculty-Mentored Academic Grants

Undergraduate Faculty-Mentored Academic Grants are competitive grants awarded to undergraduate students and their faculty mentors engaged in collaborative scholarly endeavors. For the purposes of these grant applications, scholarly endeavor is broadly defined to provide the opportunity for students and their faculty mentors in all disciplines to apply for funding.

Students who apply for and accept the grant are expected to make a major commitment of time and effort to their projects. This commitment is far greater than what would normally be expected in a regular undergraduate research course.

Upon satisfactory completion of the project and approval of the University administration, recipients of the Undergraduate Faculty-Mentored Academic Grants will be designated ASU Undergraduate Student Research Fellows and their transcripts will note this designation.

The deadline for submitting a grant proposal for 2012-2013 is Monday, March 26, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Proposals will undergo a competitive review by the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee.

Awards will be announced Monday, April 30, 2012.

Student Eligibility

- Only undergraduates enrolled in degree programs at ASU are eligible.
- Students receiving a grant must enroll in no fewer than three credit hours of directed independent study for which a letter grade is earned during the fall and spring semesters for which the grant is awarded.
- Students must assume primary responsibility for their projects under faculty supervision. A student acting as an assistant on a faculty project should not apply for this grant.
- Students will be ineligible to submit a grant proposal for two years if an endorsed application fails to produce a manuscript or product for publication in *Crius*, ASU's undergraduate research journal, and a presentation for the undergraduate symposium. Exceptions will be considered only under extraordinary circumstance and must be approved by the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee.

Faculty Eligibility

- Only tenured and tenure-track faculty may serve as faculty sponsors.
- The faculty sponsor must be willing to oversee completion of the project, endorse a student proposal, complete the recommendation form, manage M&O funds, and assess and grade the student(s) for the independent study course.
- Faculty will be ineligible to sponsor a project for two years if the endorsed application fails to produce a manuscript or product for publication in *Crius*, ASU's undergraduate research journal, and a presentation for the undergraduate symposium. Exceptions will be considered only under extraordinary circumstance and must be approved by the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee.

Grant Requirements

- Proposals may be individual or collaborative (maximum of three students). For collaborative projects, students should submit a single proposal that identifies each student's qualifications and respective roles. Additionally, collaborative projects should be of sufficient size to warrant six hours of academic credit for each student.
- Students awarded funding must produce a scholarly/creative product to be assessed by the faculty mentor and result in a grade for each of the required independent research courses. Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in the independent research course in which the student is enrolled for the fall semester in order to receive grant funding for the spring semester.
- Students awarded funding must submit a manuscript or other scholarly/creative product for publication in *Crius*, ASU's undergraduate research journal, prior to the end of the spring term.
- Students awarded funding must present their project at ASU's undergraduate research symposium held at the end of each spring term.
- Faculty mentors and students agree that students will not receive a grade for the independent study course taken during the spring semester until the course work is completed, a manuscript or other product for publication is submitted, and the project is presented at the annual undergraduate symposium. All other arrangements must be approved by the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee.
- Students failing to submit a manuscript or other product and/or failing to submit their work at the annual symposium may have a hold placed on their records until these products are submitted or until such time as arrangements are completed with the Undergraduate Research Grant Committee. Failure to submit a manuscript or other product and failure to present this work at the annual undergraduate symposium may result in the student(s) having to refund grant money.

- Student scholars and faculty mentors are strongly encouraged to present scholarly projects at professional conferences or other appropriate conferences (Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research; Annual Meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council) and publish co-authored manuscripts in professional publications.
- The maximum amount of the student award will be \$1,500 for each student, whether an individual or collaborative proposal. Students may also request a maximum of \$300 to cover itemized research-related expenses, excluding travel.
- The maximum amount of the faculty award is \$1,000 for each project. A maximum of two individual projects or two group projects of any given faculty mentor will be funded.