

Pacific Undergraduate Research Awards: Conference Travel Awards, Small Project, Research Awards, Summer Fellowships

All undergraduate academic units are eligible, and any full-time faculty member is eligible to serve as research mentor. To participate, students develop a proposal in consultation with a faculty member, who agrees to serve as the research supervisor for the project. Follow instructions on each application for maximum page allowance, content and attachments required, etc.

NOTE: Your proposal must use language that is readily understandable to committee members outside your discipline, or it will not be considered.

Management

Funds will be made available to current undergraduate students by providing the approved award to the research project faculty mentor. It is highly recommended that students enroll in a research course, offered as 197. If the department does not offer a course numbered 197, they may enroll in a 197 course in another department. They should clear this with the chair of the department in whose course they are enrolling.

Please note that if the course load exceeds 18 units with this additional course, the University may allow a waiver for one credit overload, contingent upon approvals from the student's department and/or school, and the Associate Provost for Research. If this waiver for one credit is allowed, the fees for more than one credit overload will need to be paid by the student.

The faculty advisor is responsible for obtaining any research-related approvals (*e.g.*, human subjects, animal care/welfare, hazardous materials, etc.) in writing prior to the beginning of the research project.

A copy of a final report must also be filed (except for Conference Travel awards), collaboratively by the student and the faculty mentor, with the Office of Sponsored Programs within 30 days of completing projects. (Awards will not be given to students – or their faculty mentors - who are delinquent in submitting reports from previous semesters).

Students who receive these awards are expected to participate in the annual Pacific Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference (PURCC), generally held at the end of each Spring semester.

Limitations

Funding is contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds. Awards will be made as long as funds remain. Unused funds will be used to support other undergraduate research projects and travel for undergraduates giving presentations at regional/national/international conferences.

Application Process

Eligible students should submit to the Office of Sponsored Programs an appropriate application, found on the Sponsored Programs website, with the required content and attachments, faculty endorsement, and faculty signature. Deadlines can be found on the website each semester. Students are encouraged to submit their applications by e-mail (signed, scanned as PDF documents).

Award Deferral

A student may, upon receipt of the award, defer the funding for one semester, subject to availability of funds, and upon approval of the Associate Provost for Research.