

Vice President for Research and Innovation Undergraduate Fellowship

The Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) Undergraduate Fellowship awards \$5,000 fellowships to students who conduct research, creative scholarship or complete work on an innovative project full-time during the summer. These fellowships are open to all UO undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria.

Program Overview

- Projects may come from any discipline.
- Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Applicant must obtain a commitment from a faculty member to supervise their research project as their mentor. Faculty mentors must be Tenure Track Faculty or Career Non-tenure Track Faculty with an FTE of .50 or above. Please verify with your faculty mentor that they meet these criteria.
- If applicable, applicant must obtain approval from the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS), which serves as the UO's Institutional Review Board (IRB). For more information visit <http://rcs.uoregon.edu/rcs.uoregon.edu/?q=node/3>.
- Undergraduate students may not be paid to conduct research through other internal UO research support programs during the same fellowship period. Students may, however, accept an external award for the same academic year as the VPRI Undergraduate Fellowship award.
- If for any reason a research fellow's circumstances change (e.g., due to exit from the University, loss of full-time student status, or the receipt of any grant or award that conflicts with the conditions of this fellowship) and the grantee is unable to use the award during the summer for which it was granted, the fellowship must be forfeited. VPRI Undergraduate Fellowship awards cannot be deferred.
- Undergraduate students may only receive one VPRI Undergraduate Fellowship award during their undergraduate education.

Expectations

- Commit regular effort to conducting research during the fellowship period.
- Complete a final research paper.
- Share the results of your research at the UO Undergraduate Symposium.
- Acknowledge the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI) in all work resulting from research during the fellowship period.
- Notify the VPRI Fellowship staff immediately of other support or of any conflicts with the eligibility and/or restrictions of this fellowship.
- Notify the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program of any publications or conference presentations that are associated with your research project.

Application Guidance

The proposal should be written in language that is clear to readers outside the applicant's discipline. The proposal should strictly adhere to the format and chronological organization outlined below, using the headings provided.

1. **Cover Sheet:** A copy of the official cover sheet with the signature of the faculty mentor who will be supervising your research project, indicating approval of your plan to engage in research for the summer, and your agreement to the above Guidelines and Conditions of the VPRI Undergraduate Fellowship Program.
2. **Abstract (300 words maximum)**
Enter a concise description of your proposed project. Abstracts should:
 - a. Clearly state the central research question and/or purpose of the project.

- b. Provide brief, relevant scholarly or research context (no actual citations required) that demonstrates its attempt to make a unique contribution to the academic discipline.
- c. Provide a brief description of the research methodology.
- d. State conclusions or expected results and the context in which they will be discussed.
- e. Include text only (no images or graphics)
- f. Be well-written, well-organized, and free of spelling and grammatical errors.

3. **Methods (200 words maximum)**

Provide a description of the research methods or creative techniques that will be used for this project including a justification of why these techniques will be used. You will have an opportunity to explain how you are qualified to use these methods in the biography section below, but it is important to demonstrate that you understand why these methods should be used in this section.

4. **Investigator Biography (200 words maximum)**

Please describe how your personal and educational background has prepared you to successfully complete this project. Include:

- a. What experiences you have had that have prepared you for this project.
- b. What training (formal and informal) you have received that makes you qualified to utilize and practice the methods listed in the previous section.
- c. How your past work contributes to this project.
- d. Your personal goals and desired learning outcomes for this project.

*If you are applying as part of a group, a biography must be provided for each member of the group that includes their role in the project. You may include this information in an email to urop@uoregon.edu.

5. **Research Schedule:**

Provide your research schedule for the summer. Attempt to layout a reasonable schedule taking into consideration all phases of the research project.

6. **Dissemination:**

How will you share the results of your research? Please include any publication or presentation opportunities you plan to pursue.

*Please note that all awardees are required to apply to present at the UO Undergraduate Symposium, but students are also encouraged to seek out other [publication/presentation opportunities](#).

7. **Two Letters of Recommendation:**

Applicants should request letters of recommendation from two faculty familiar with your work and accomplishments. One of those recommendations should be provided by the applicant's mentor for the fellowship project. Recommenders should submit their letters via email to urop@uoregon.edu.

Submitting Your Proposal

Visit the [VPRI Undergraduate Fellowship website](#) for further instructions and materials.

All VPRI Undergraduate Fellowship proposals are evaluated competitively as part of a single applicant pool by a panel of UO faculty members.

Questions? Please contact Karl Reasoner at urop@uoregon.edu or 541-346-8520.