



University of Idaho

Office of Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate Research Semester Grants

Introduction

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) invites undergraduate students from all colleges and academic disciplines to apply for an Undergraduate Research Grant. The purpose of the grant is to support the growth and development of original, independent research or creative scholarships. The grant will fund materials and supplies, project-related travel expenses, etc., up to \$1,000. Note: This grant does not fund salary or other personnel expenses. Two funding cycles exist: one for Spring semester grants and one for Fall semester grants.

Application Process

Students must submit a written proposal as a .pdf with the components as outlined below and a letter of support from a UI research adviser indicating willingness to support and mentor the student through the research project. The faculty mentor should assist the student in preparing the written proposal, but the proposal must be the student's own work. The OUR offers a variety of funding opportunities and students may submit their proposal to multiple funding competitions; but they are eligible to receive funding from only one of the sources.

Research Proposal Components

1. OUR Undergraduate Research Grant Cover Sheet
2. Abstract (200-word limit)
3. Project Description (4-page limit)
 - i. Introduction, including background and significance of the project
 - ii. Project Design, including objectives, methods, and expected outcomes
 - iii. Detailed Timeline, with goals and target completion dates
4. Literature/references
5. Budget and Budget Justification (1 page limit). Budgets should cover only what is absolutely needed for completion of the project. The budget should include \$75 to cover the cost of poster printing for the Undergraduate Research Symposium.
6. Letter of recommendation from UI faculty research adviser

Application Deadline

The research proposal with faculty letter of support must be submitted electronically to the Office of Undergraduate Research at our@uidaho.edu

Deadline for Spring Semester awards: **Nov 1**, student will be notified by Dec 15
Deadline for Fall Semester awards: **Apr 15**, student will be notified by May 31

Funded Proposals

Funds for winning proposals may be expended over the course of the designated semester of the project. Any remaining research grant funds will be returned to the OUR to fund future research projects; and any purchased equipment or supplies will remain with the faculty mentor. If the poster is not printed during the funding period, the poster printing is then the responsibility of the student and faculty mentor.

Final Report and Presentation

At the conclusion of the project each recipient must submit to the OUR, a written report with interpretation and analysis of the project results that should be consistent with the standards of the discipline. In addition, the results must be presented in an oral or poster presentation in a public forum, typically at the university-wide Undergraduate Research Symposium held annually in April.

Research Compliance

If the proposed project will involve research on human subjects or will involve vertebrate animals, infectious agents, hazardous chemicals, radioactive materials, recombinant DNA, and/or patents and copyrights, the student will need to submit his/her research protocol to the appropriate University review committee for approval. Students must consult with the faculty mentor to determine if the project requires approval from a University review committee. In some cases, the faculty mentor may already have obtained approval for the research or creative project.

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