Undergraduate Research Grants Program Information

Purpose: To encourage undergraduate students from all disciplines to participate in independent research and creative projects in collaboration with FAU faculty.

Student and Faculty Eligibility:

- Any full-time, continuing, undergraduate student in good standing (academic and disciplinary) at Florida Atlantic University
- Students are only eligible for one grant per grant funding cycle as a *primary* applicant.
- Students graduating in the same semester as the grant application due date are not eligible.
- Faculty mentors may be limited to $1,200 in awards per grant funding cycle for students they mentor, *depending on funding availability*.
- **NEW: Priority will be given to those group projects that include a FTIC freshman or FTIC sophomore student(s) as an author/group member.**

Deadlines: Grant package deadlines are due by October 15th for Spring/Summer funding and March 15th for Summer/Fall funding. Should these dates fall on a weekend day or holiday, the deadline will become the next business day.

Type of Grant: Grant allocations are categorized based on the following:

1. *Individual* students engaged in research or creative activity under the mentorship of an FAU faculty member may apply for a grant of up to $600 to support their work.
2. *Group* projects, consisting of two or more undergraduate students working on the same project under the mentorship of an FAU faculty mentor may apply for a grant of up to $1,200.
   NEW: Priority will be given to those group projects that include a FTIC freshman or FTIC sophomore student(s) as an author/group member.

Maturity of Project: Applicants will be asked to identify the maturity of the project (Exploratory, Developing, or Advanced) to facilitate the review process. Please see Appendix A for definitions.

Grant Expenditures: Grant funds must be applied to tangible research expenditures. Applicants should discuss research needs with their faculty mentor before submission of their proposed budget. Please see Grant Package Guidelines for details.

Grant Period: October 15th grant deadlines are intended for Spring/Summer research.
                      March 15th grant deadlines are intended for Summer/Fall research.

Award Notification: Grant awardees will be notified by an email sent to both the student(s) and faculty mentor once all peer and compliance reviews have been completed (approximately two months after each grant deadline date). Grant funds will be transferred to the department of the FAU faculty member for disbursement once all research compliance issues have been resolved. It is expected that compliance issues be addressed in a timely manner or within 2 months of the award notification.

Grant Recipient Requirements: Individuals awarded grants must:

1. Be able to complete the project as an enrolled undergraduate at FAU.
2. Present this work at an FAU Research Symposium.

3. Participate in pre-and post-grant award surveys regarding their experience of their research project.
4. Each student list on the grant must attend **one** of the workshops OURI offers (see below). NOTE: For students graduating in Spring/Summer please make sure to attend one of the workshops before the date of the OURI Symposium; and for students graduating in the Fall please make sure to attend one before the date of the Broward Symposium:
   o Preparing for Graduate School
   o Creating an Oral or Poster Presentation
   o Attending a Conference
   o Summer Research Experiences
   o Befriending Failure
   o Undergraduate Research Certificate
   o Research Ethics
5. Reference the grant in future presentations and/or publications resulting from this work.
6. Abide by all of FAU's Intellectual Policies as they apply to the OURI grant research project.

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How to Apply: If you satisfy the criteria for applying for a grant, please review in detail the Undergraduate Research Grant Package Guidelines for application details including budget, review, and compliance criteria etc. To apply, please complete the online application through Survey Monkey Apply (click here for instructions). You will upload your completed grant package (see Undergraduate Research Grant Package Guidelines for more info) to your application online through Survey Monkey Apply. Request a letter of recommendation from your faculty mentor if it is not attached to your Grant Package. The letter can either be uploaded through Survey Monkey Apply or emailed directly to ouri@fau.edu. A mentor letter of support guide has been provided (Appendix D).