

Undergraduate Research Grants
Call for Proposals
Spring Semester 2025

Southern Connecticut State University is pleased to announce the continuation of a program to support independent undergraduate research **during Summer or Fall Semester 2025**. This initiative, Undergraduate Research Grants, is funded by the SCSU Foundation. Grants of \$3,000 each will be awarded to undergraduate students to complete research in any academic discipline represented on the SCSU campus. Each student awardee will be guided by a faculty mentor. Faculty mentors will receive payment for one credit for their guidance of the proposed student research.

The student may accept the full \$3,000 as a stipend, or, if needed, a portion of the money can be used for expenses related to the project.

The purpose of these grants is to promote high quality research and creative activity at the undergraduate level by having students work closely with a faculty mentor.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a matriculated undergraduate with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- have completed at least 45 course credits by the end of Spring Semester 2025;
- be enrolled in undergraduate courses for the Fall 2025 term (i.e., seniors graduating in May 2025 are not eligible);
- work with a mentor who is a full-time faculty member at SCSU.

If a student has previously received an undergraduate grant from this program, a copy of the final report from the previous grant must be included with the proposal.

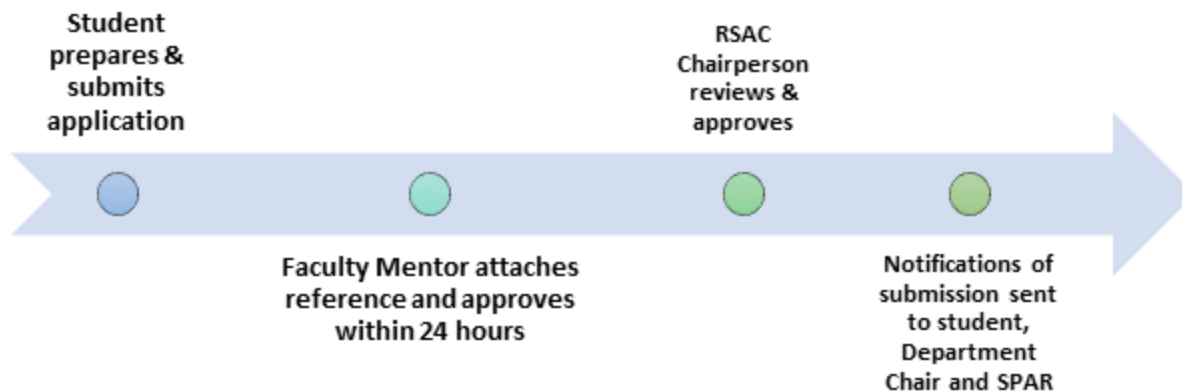
For projects involving human participants or animal subjects, approval from the SCSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must be obtained before beginning the research.

To apply:

The student application must be submitted **via the Kuali Build portal using this link: [Undergraduate Research Grant Application](#) by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3rd 2025. Faculty Mentors must then respond to the application and add their reference documents within 24 hours.**

Incomplete applications will not receive consideration, nor will late applications.

The application approval routing map:



The electronic application will require:

1. Identifying information as a cover sheet
2. A PDF of your Statement of Research: **using a maximum of five pages** (single-spaced, 11-point Times New Roman font), please describe the:
 - a. Research problem;
 - b. Research design (methodology and status of IRB and/or IACUC clearances, if applicable);
 - c. Research resources (e.g. laboratory access, equipment, libraries);
 - d. A budget of anticipated expenses that may be personally incurred, relative to the project; *funds for faculty expenses are not allowed*. If the funds are to be used as a stipend this must be stated in the budget.
 - e. Expected outcomes;
 - f. A plan to disseminate results; and
 - g. A mentorship plan
3. A PDF of an **unofficial** copy of your CURRENT SCSU TRANSCRIPT

Faculty mentors will receive notification to upload a PDF of their recommendation into the electronic application before routing to the Department Chairperson for notification and to the chair of RSAC for approval as to completeness of the proposal and eligibility of the student.

Awards:

Members of the Research and Scholarship Advisory Committee (RSAC) will review proposals and recommend awardees to the Provost.

Academic Honesty:

These proposals should be written by the student proposer; any proposal that was clearly written by the sponsoring faculty member will be disqualified. Likewise, any student proposal which contains plagiarism or exhibits any other form of academic dishonesty will be disqualified.

Questions

Questions regarding the content and review of applications may be directed to C. Michele Thompson, Research and Scholarship Advisory Committee Chair at thompsonc2@southernct.edu

Questions regarding the electronic form can be directed to the SPAR office, spar@southernct.edu