

Undergraduate Research Grants
Spring 2026 Call for Proposals
Applications due [via Kuali Build](#) by 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026

Description and Purpose

Southern Connecticut State University is pleased to announce the continuation of its **Undergraduate Research Grants program**, funded by the SCSU Foundation.

Grants of **\$3,000 each** will be awarded in **Spring 2026** for undergraduate students to carry out independent research or creative activity during **Summer or Fall 2026**. Each awardee will be mentored by a full-time SCSU faculty member, who will receive payment for one credit in recognition of their guidance.

Students may use the \$3,000 entirely as a stipend or allocate part of it for project-related expenses.

The purpose of these grants is to promote high-quality research and creative activity at the undergraduate level by fostering close student-faculty collaboration.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be matriculated undergraduates with a cumulative GPA of at least **3.0**.
- Have completed at least **45 credits** by the end of **Spring 2026**.
- Be enrolled in undergraduate courses for **Fall 2026** (students graduating in May 2026 are not eligible).
- Work with a full-time SCSU faculty mentor.

Mentor Limit: Each faculty member may mentor a maximum of **two students** for the Undergraduate Research Grant in a given award cycle. Students and faculty should confirm availability with potential mentors before submitting applications.

If the applicant has previously received an Undergraduate Research Grant, a copy of the **final report** from the earlier project must be included with the proposal.

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

Application Instructions

Applications must be submitted electronically via the Quali Build portal:

[Undergraduate Research Grant Application](#)

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026

Faculty mentors must respond to the application and upload their reference documents within 24 hours.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The application must include:

1. **Cover Sheet** – Identifying information.
2. **Statement of Research (PDF)** – Maximum of five single-spaced pages, 11-point Times New Roman, including:
 - Research problem;
 - Research design (methods, IRB/IACUC status if applicable);
 - Research resources (labs, equipment, libraries, etc.);
 - Budget (anticipated personal expenses; funds for faculty expenses not allowed; indicate if funds are to be used as stipend);
 - Expected outcomes;
 - Plan for dissemination of results;
 - Mentorship plan.
 - A **bibliography/works cited** (one page, included in the five-page limit).
3. **Unofficial SCSU Transcript (PDF)** – Current transcript.

Faculty mentors will then be notified to upload their recommendation letter.

Please note: Each faculty member may mentor a maximum of two students for the Undergraduate Research Grant per award cycle. Faculty should confirm that they have not exceeded this limit before submitting a recommendation. After the recommendation is submitted, the application

routes to the Department Chairperson for notification and to the RSAC Chair for eligibility review.

Awards and Review Process

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

Academic Honesty

Proposals must be written by the student applicant. Any proposal clearly authored by the sponsoring faculty member, or containing plagiarism or academic dishonesty, will be disqualified.

Questions

- For content and review questions: contact **C. Michele Thompson**, RSAC Chair, at thompsonc2@southernct.edu
- For technical/application questions: contact the **SPAR office** at spar@southernct.edu