Undergraduate Research Grants
Call for Proposals
Spring Semester 2022

Southern Connecticut State University is pleased to announce the continuation of a program to support independent undergraduate research **during the Spring Semester 2022**. 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 one credit of load 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 Fall Semester 2021;
• 	be enrolled in undergraduate courses for the Spring 2022 term (i.e., seniors graduating in December 2021 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.

Please note that this proposal must incorporate and adhere to all current SCSU and CSCU Covid-19 protocols.
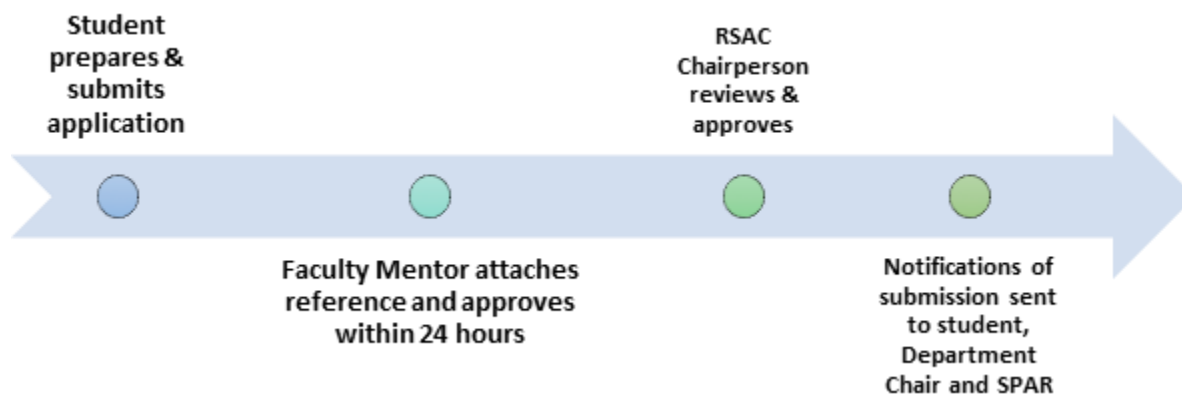
For projects involving human participants or animal subjects, approval from the SCSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must be obtained before beginning the research.

To apply:
The application must be submitted **via the Kuali portal using this link: Undergraduate Research Grant Application** by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021.

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: **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. An outline of anticipated expenses that may be incurred, relative to the project (i.e. a budget);
    e. Expected outcomes and potential impact to discipline;
    f. A plan to disseminate results; and
    g. A mentorship plan including role of faculty mentor in project

3. A PDF of an unofficial copy of your CURRENT SCSU TRANSCRIPT

4. 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. The Provost will announce the award recipients by December 16th, 2021.

Academic Honesty:
Please note that 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 that contains plagiarism or exhibits any other form of academic dishonesty will be disqualified.

Please distribute this information widely so that interested students and faculty can consider research projects for this exciting program.

Questions regarding the application process or other issues may be directed to C. Michele Thompson at ext. 2-5614 or via e-mail to thompsonc2@southernct.edu

Questions regarding the electronic form can be directed to the SPAR office, Renee LeBlanc, leblancr3@southernct.edu

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Applications submitted through this portal route directly to the faculty mentor, the department chairperson, and then to the RSAC Chairperson for submission acceptance. Please alert your mentor of the application so they can respond to the electronic notification in a timely manner. **The application and all required supporting materials must be submitted** by 4:00 PM Tuesday, November 16th, 2021.

Proposals that fail to adhere to these application guidelines will not be reviewed.

Cover Sheet

Name and Contact Information
Please type your name as it appears in SCSU's records.

Last *	First *	Middle	Preferred Name

Email (SCSU) *	Preferred Phone Number *	Student Banner ID# *
Type your SCSU email here	Type your phone # here	Type your Banner ID here

Academic Department *	Degree or Program *	Name of Faculty Mentor *
🔍 Begin typing department name then select from list	Type your text here	🔍 Begin typing faculty last name then select from list

Student Attachments

In submitting this proposal, I authorize the Research, Scholarship and Advisory Committee (RSAC) and/or other university personnel involved in the review of my proposal to confer with financial aid personnel relative to my financial need.

Statement of Research *	SCSU Transcript *	Previous Grant Final Report
ATTACH YOUR STATEMENT AS PDF HERE. ⬆	ATTACH SCSU TRANSCRIPT AS PDF ⬆	OPTIONAL PDF UPLOAD ⬆

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