

Simpson College Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grant

Objective

The mission of the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Committee is to develop Simpson College's undergraduate research program into a thriving program that serves students, faculty, and the wider community. Towards this end, the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grants aim to serve the college by cultivating new and unique projects that exemplify the core purpose and academic diversity of liberal arts education. It is inclusive of departments in all academic divisions of the college. The grants are intended to support projects involving a wide variety of students, irrespective of their academic standing.

Applications that include students from underprivileged and/or underrepresented backgrounds are highly encouraged.

Criteria

Projects funded by this grant must fulfill all the following criteria:

- Have a research component
- Include Simpson students as researchers
- Have a faculty sponsor(s) advising/coordinating the research*
- Produce a final report, which may be in the form of a poster, presentation, write-up, artistic display, or performance
- Must be presented at the Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

* **Note:** Faculty mentors who are the project's principal investigators may be from different departments.

Grant Awards

Grant applications must be submitted by Simpson College faculty members, although external faculty can be involved as research mentors. The award can fund the research process (e.g., photocopying, mailing expenses, supplies, travel to and from the research site, equipment, computer software, and travel to libraries). Grant proposals may also include a \$500 stipend for each student, a faculty stipend (\$500 per student for the first three students and \$300 for the fourth and fifth students). Proposals may include up to \$1500 to fund the research process (e.g. consumable supplies, travel to and from the research site). Proposals may also include non- consumable equipment and software purchases, and these costs will be evaluated on a case-by- case basis. Researchers should submit a separate Student Travel Grant application to fund travel to present research at a conference.

Deadline for submission of proposals: rolling deadline. The Undergraduate Research & Creativity Committee will review all proposals in the order in which they are submitted.

Application Requirements

Each grant proposal should contain the following:

- Name, phone number, and email address of faculty sponsor(s)

- Description of the Simpson student researchers' role in the study
- A project narrative that includes:
 - o Title of the Project
 - o An overview of the project
 - o A description of the final research product
 - o A description of how the project results will be communicated to others (paper, poster, painting, performance, etc.)
 - Project Timeline
 - A project budget that clearly connects expenses to the research process. (Note that the costs for a project must be incurred during one Simpson College fiscal year.)
 - Indicate whether the project involves students from underprivileged or underrepresented backgrounds.

Please submit grant proposals electronically to the Director of Undergraduate Research (undergradresearch@simpson.edu).