Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Grant Competition

Texas A&M University-Commerce Undergraduate Grant Program offers support for undergraduate research and creative activities. There is an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Grant competition each Fall and Spring semester with strict deadlines. The proposed project should demonstrate intellectual merit, and contribute to artistic, scholarly or literary creativity.

Grants are competitive and awarded based upon availability of funding.

The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Grant Competition is available to assist undergraduate students with funding for their research or creative activities. Awarded funds are for equipment purchases, software licenses, printing, postage, data searches, and data collection. Students may request up to $500. Student wages and travel expenses are not eligible under this grant.

To apply, students must submit an application with an organized proposal that includes the methodology to be used, expected outcomes, and funding requirements. The body of the proposal should be no more than five pages, please note this does not include references, abstracts, or appendices. Your proposal should be detailed and precise. However, please keep in mind that it will be read by reviewers from multiple disciplines. Thus, try to avoid the use of field specific jargon. The application must include the protocol number (i.e., IRB, IACUC, IBC) on which the student conducted the research. If no protocol was required, the advisor must include a statement.

Examples of the expected outcomes include but are not limited to conference presentation, a showing of creative work, completion of an undergraduate Honors thesis, and/or a publication.

Incomplete applications and/or those apps without original signatures will not be considered by the TAMUC Undergraduate Grant Program Committee
Spring 2021 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Grant Competition

Application Deadline is Wednesday, February 17 by 4:00 pm
Awarded grant funds must be spent by June 1, 2021 and processed by July 31, 2021.

The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Grant Competition assists undergraduate students who may have a need for funding as they pursue research or creative activities. Proposed funds are for purchasing equipment, software licenses, printing, postage, data searches, and data collection. Students may request up to $500. The funds are not for paying student wages or travel expenses.

Students wishing to apply must submit a proposal that includes the methodology to be used, expected outcomes, and funding requirements. The body of the proposal should be no longer than five pages, please note this does not include references, abstracts, or appendices. Your proposal should be detailed and precise. However, please keep in mind that it will be read by reviewers from multiple disciplines. Thus, try to avoid the use of field specific jargon. All proposals need to include sections on expected outcomes and specific fund utilization. The proposed budget must be as specific as possible at the time of submission. Expected outcomes include, but are not limited to presenting at the TAMUC Annual Research Symposium, a showing of one’s creative work, completion of an undergraduate Honors thesis, and/or a publication.

The proposed research must be approved by the appropriate compliance committee (IACUC, IBC, or IRB).

To apply:

1. Submit a completed application and follow all guidelines.
2. The application must include the protocol number on which the student will conduct the research.
3. If no protocol is required, the advisor must include a statement explaining why no protocol is necessary for this student's research.
4. Deliver the completed application with original signatures to the Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Office no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. No emails or fax accepted. Do not send in campus mail. Do not leave at the front desk.

We look forward to assisting you through the application process.

The TAMUC Undergraduate Grant Committee will not consider incomplete applications and/or applications without the required original signatures.

TAMUC - Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Office
Prairie Crossing – 1809 Monroe Street
First Floor Office Area – Attn: Mrs. Kay Hatfield, Administrative Associate
903.468.3001
Application
Undergraduate Research Grant Competition

Name: ____________________________ CWID: __________________

Major: ___________________________ GPA: __________________

Credit hours completed: ________________

Title of Project: ____________________________

All Undergraduate Grant Competition Proposals must include the following documents and meet all compliance requirements appropriate to the research project:

- **Application** for Undergraduate Research Grant Competition (signed by faculty advisor)
- **Protocol Number** (IACUC, IBC, or IRB)
- **Project Abstract** (limit 200 words)
- **Project Description** (limit 5 pages)
- **Expected outcomes**
- **Itemized Budget** – (maximum of $500)
  
  Provide a detailed list of expected expenses. For example, do not list ‘chemicals’. Instead, demonstrate that you have considered your needs and request the specific chemicals that your lab would need for the study.

- **Budget Justification**
- **Timeline for completion**
- **Certificate** of Completion for Compliance Training (on page 3)

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**Faculty Advisor:** By signing this form you are agreeing to insure that awarded funds are used properly. Also, the grant account will have no encumbered or pending funds on July 31, 2021.

Faculty Advisor (please print): ____________________________ Date: __________

Faculty Advisor Email: ____________________________

Faculty Advisor Signature: ____________________________

Department Administrative Assistant: ____________________________

Department Administrative Assistant Email: ____________________________

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Checklist
Undergraduate Research Grant Competition

Applications (proposals) must include the following required documents. Please check the following sections and provide your compliance training and protocol status.

- Application with advisor and student original signatures
- Project Abstract
- Project Description
- Expected Outcomes
- Itemized Budget (maximum of $500)
- Budget Justification
- Timeline for completion

Research Compliance Training & Protocol Status

Training – Responsible Conduct of Research & Scholarship

Please attach Certificate of Completion.

Funds will be available after compliance approval letter is received by Undergraduate Grant Committee.

Institutional Review Board Approval (IRB) (using human subjects)
- Not applicable
- Approved
- Pending – Under review by IRB
- Has not submitted protocol for review

Protection of Human Subjects Training
- Current
- Needs to be completed

Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) Approval (using vertebrate animals)
- Not applicable
- Approved protocol
- Pending protocol – under review by IACUC
- Has not submitted protocol for review

Animal Care & Use Training
- Current
- Needs to be completed

Approval # __________________________ IRB/IACUC/IBC Protocol (if applicable)

Undergraduate Student: You are agreeing to insure that awarded funds are used properly.

Student (please print): ___________________________ Date: ____________
Student Signature: ____________________________

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