## OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

# **2020-21 FUNDING PROGRAMS**

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY*	FUNDING	DEADLINE
UConn IDEA Grant Program	Supports student-designed projects, including artistic endeavors, entrepreneurial ventures, original research, and service initiatives	SUMMER: Graduate no earlier than December 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR: Graduate no earlier than May 2022	Up to \$4,000	SUMMER: December 9, 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR: March 8, 2021
SURF Awards Summer Undergraduate Research Fund	Funds summer research or creative projects supervised by UConn faculty	Graduate no earlier than December 2021	Up to \$4,000 in stipend and \$500 in supplies	February 1, 2021
Health Research Program	Offers a structure for sustained engagement in research projects at UConn Health	Graduate no earlier than May 2022	\$4,000 summer stipend; up to \$500 in supplies each semester	February 1, 2021
UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program - Change Grants	Supports student-designed or student-led projects related to public engagement, innovation, and social impact	FALL DEADLINE: Graduate no earlier than December 2021 SPRING DEADLINE: Graduate no earlier than May 2022	Up to \$2,000	FALL: October 5, 2020 SPRING: February 8, 2021
SHARE Awards Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience	Introduces students to social science, humanities, or arts research via an apprenticeship with a faculty mentor	1st, 2nd & 3rd year students; social sciences, humanities, or arts majors; minimum 2.8 GPA; eligible for on-campus employment	\$1,500 earned as hourly wage	October 19, 2020
OUR Conference Presentation Awards	Covers expenses associated with presenting at conferences	Minimum 2.8 GPA; may be part- time student (minimum 60 credits)	Up to \$500	Rolling review Closes April 12, 2021
OUR Research Travel Awards	Funds travel to conduct research off-campus	Minimum 2.8 GPA; may be part- time student (minimum 60 credits)	Up to \$500	Rolling review Closes April 12, 2021
OUR Supply Awards	Covers cost of supplies required for research or creative projects	Minimum 2.8 GPA; may be part- time student (minimum 60 credits)	Up to \$500	Rolling review Closes March 8, 2021

#### - ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS -

**BOLD Women's Leadership Network:** BOLD facilitates opportunities for women's leadership on campus through scholarship funding, programming, and engagement in service/leadership projects. Women graduating in May or August 2023 can apply to join the 4<sup>th</sup> cohort of BOLD Scholars in Spring 2021.

**Work-Study Research Assistant Program:** WSRAP enables students awarded Federal Work-Study as part of their financial aid packages to earn their awards by assisting with faculty research across the disciplines. Students use the JobX system to apply directly to jobs posted through the program.

<sup>\*</sup> Eligibility for OUR award programs is restricted to students enrolled full-time at any UConn campus who are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree.

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#### **UConn IDEA Grants**

UConn IDEA Grants are available to undergraduate students at all campuses in all majors. Students may apply individually or as part of a small group. Grants of up to \$4,000 per student are available to support student-designed projects, including artistic endeavors, entrepreneurial ventures, original research, and service initiatives. Two groups of UConn IDEA Grants are awarded each year, with application deadlines in December and March.

#### **SURF Awards (Summer Undergraduate Research Fund)**

SURF supports full-time undergraduate students who are engaged in summer research or creative projects under the supervision of a UConn faculty member. SURF awards are available to students in all majors at all UConn campuses. The maximum total amount awarded for SURF awards is \$4,500 (\$4,000 stipend for the student researcher and up to \$500 for supplies associated with the research project).

#### **Health Research Program**

The Health Research Program offers a pathway into undergraduate research for students with interests in health and the biomedical sciences. Through a combination of academic year and summer research opportunities, this program provides undergraduates and their faculty mentors a structure for sustained engagement in research projects, maximizing student learning and preparation for graduate study and/or careers in the health professions.

#### **UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program - Change Grants**

UConn Co-op Legacy Fellows engage in projects that represent the legacy of the UConn Co-op's commitment to public engagement, innovation, and social impact, including service initiatives, creative endeavors, research, advocacy, and social entrepreneurship. Fellows receive up to \$2,000 to support project expenses. Students may apply individually or as part of a small group. Applications are accepted twice per year, in October and February.

#### SHARE Awards (Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience)

The SHARE program supports undergraduate research projects in the social sciences, humanities, and arts. SHARE is designed especially for students in the earlier stages of their college careers, offering an introduction to research and helping them develop the skills they will need for further research projects. Joint faculty-student applications are submitted and reviewed in the Fall semester. During Spring semester, student apprentices receive a \$1,500 stipend (via hourly wage) and faculty mentors receive a \$500 professional development stipend.

#### **OUR Conference Presentation Awards**

Conference Presentation Awards support students who have had research or creative work accepted for presentation at a professional conference or meeting, covering registration costs (and travel where permissible). Applications are reviewed regularly during the academic year, with a maximum of \$500/student awarded until program funds are exhausted.

#### **OUR Research Travel Awards**

Travel to Conduct Research Awards support students who must travel away from campus to execute their research projects (e.g., to consult materials in an archive). Applications are reviewed regularly during the academic year, with a maximum of \$500/student awarded until program funds are exhausted.

#### **OUR Supply Awards**

These awards fund the supplies needed by undergraduates to complete their research or creative projects. Allowable expenses include such items as laboratory consumables, art supplies, research participant incentives, and fees for time on shared equipment. Applications for Supply Awards are reviewed regularly during the academic year, with a maximum of \$500/student awarded. Awards are made until program funds are exhausted.

#### **BOLD Women's Leadership Network**

Cohorts of BOLD Scholars make a 2-year commitment to this program, which involves ongoing leadership development activities. Scholars develop individualized service/leadership projects for implementation during the summer between their junior and senior years and collaborate on campus transformation projects.

## **Work-Study Research Assistant Program**

Through the Work-Study Research Assistant Program, students can earn their Federal Work-Study Award funds by assisting with faculty research. Students gain early exposure to research while building transferable skills useful in a range of fields. Opportunities across the disciplines are advertised in August.

