

CCS Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships 2021

Eligibility, Requirements, Deliverables & Timeline

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be UCSB College of Creative Studies students in strong academic standing to be eligible. Applicants should discuss their interests with their CCS faculty advisor including the appropriateness of when to apply. Usually, students are best prepared for summer research after their Sophomore or Junior years. Students graduating in less than four years or in BS/MS programs may be considered for funding in the summer of their Freshman, Sophomore or Junior year. Students may only receive one Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship during their time at CCS. Graduating seniors are not eligible to receive an award.

REQUIREMENTS

Students are to have a research area, or creative or entrepreneurial project in mind, and must establish contact with a UCSB Faculty member who will oversee the project (henceforth referred to as the Faculty Director) prior to applying. Projects must be designed in consultation with the Faculty Director, who must be a member of the UCSB faculty, but need not be a member of the CCS faculty. Faculty Directors in certain disciplines may prefer that student projects be related to ongoing work currently being conducted in their laboratory or area of expertise. Talk with your intended Faculty Director to establish the suitability of your project to their interests.

Work is expected to be immersive and full-time (a minimum of 40 hours/week) and to not overlap in time with any other work, internships, classes or fellowships. In some situations or disciplines, but usually not in the sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computing), a shorter fellowship period with a prorated stipend might be acceptable. Again, it is recommended that you talk with your CCS faculty advisor and/or Faculty Director about this.

Usually there is not enough funding within the budget to support all worthy projects at as high a funding level as ideal. Faculty Directors may contribute supplemental funding, if available, most commonly in the sciences and engineering. Applicants may wish to speak with their Faculty Director about the availability of such funding for financial planning purposes. CCS will reach out to awardees' Faculty Directors regarding their option to provide supplemental funds in May.

For those who are simultaneously applying to other funding sources for the summer, please note you may only accept funding from one source at a time (aside from potential supplemental funding from an awardee's Faculty Director discussed in the previous paragraph).

DELIVERABLES

Awardees are responsible for the following in Fall 2021 (see deadlines in Timeline section below):

- Submission of a poster or other display of the work* accomplished in the summer project to be showcased at the CCS Research and Creative Activity Conference (RACA-CON). Samples of previous posters can be seen on the [2020 CCS RACA-CON website](#).

*Those awardees who are not in the sciences may, in consultation with their Faculty Director and in coordination with RACA-CON event manager, request to present their work in another form instead of or in addition to a poster. This request must be submitted to christin.palmstrom@ccs.ucsb.edu no later than October 1, 2021 so that suitable arrangements can be made.

SUF recipients are required to submit the RACA-CON application as a component of their registration for the event.

- Submission of an abstract briefly summarizing your project. Note: abstracts may be shared with donors and used as an example for future fellowship recipients.
- Submission of a thank you letter addressed to the donor(s) who supported your fellowship. The College will inform you to whom to address your letter.**
- Attendance at CCS RACA-CON. This event provides an opportunity to present your work in a professional setting and to interact with other students, faculty, donors, and parents in a celebration of your original contributions.

TIMELINE

Application materials due	April 19, 2021
Award announcements sent to applicants	Early May
Award acceptance forms due	Mid May
RACA-CON registration opens	Spring 2021
Awards credited to awardees' BARC accounts	Early July
RACA-CON registration due	TBA
Abstract due by	September 17, 2021
Thank you letter due by	September 17, 2021
Poster or other display due on	TBA**
RACA-CON event	November 6, 2021 (projected)

**Additional details will be found in the Award letters provided in May.

Questions? Email create@ccs.ucsb.edu