



College of Creative Studies
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
2023

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. 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 for the SURF project is expected to be immersive and full-time, with a minimum commitment of 40 hours per week. It is important to ensure that this work does not overlap with any other work, internships, classes, or fellowships. It is also not permissible to request simultaneous funding from other funding sources for the same project.

Usually there is not enough funding within the budget to support all worthy projects. CCS Program Committees will review applications to determine which students within their respective major's pool of applicants will be awarded funding.

DELIVERABLES

Awardees are responsible for the following in Fall 2023 (see approximate 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). See what happened last year here: <https://ccs.ucsb.edu/RACA-CON>



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*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 create@ccs.ucsb.edu no later than September 23, 2023 so that suitable arrangements can be made.

SURF 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 you should 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.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE

Application materials due	April 9, 2023
Award announcements sent to applicants	Early May
Award acceptance forms due	Mid May
RACA-CON registration opens	Late Summer 2022
Awards credited to awardees' BARC accounts	Early July
RACA-CON registration due	TBA
Abstract due by	Mid September
Thank you letter due by	Mid September
Poster or other display due on	TBA
RACA-CON event	Saturday, November 4, 2023

Questions? Email create@ccs.ucsb.edu