

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

2024-25 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 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR: Graduate no earlier than May 2026	Up to \$6,000	SUMMER: 12/6/24 ACADEMIC YEAR: 3/14/25
SURF Awards <small>Summer Undergraduate Research Fund</small>	Funds summer research or creative projects supervised by UConn faculty	Graduate no earlier than December 2025	Up to \$5,000 in stipend and \$500 in supplies	2/3/25
Health Research Program	Offers a structure for sustained engagement in research projects at UConn Health	Graduate no earlier than May 2026	\$5,000 summer stipend; up to \$500 in supplies and travel support each semester	2/17/25
UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program - Change Grants	Supports student-designed or student-led projects related to social impact, public engagement, and social innovation.	FALL DEADLINES: Graduate no earlier than May 2025 SPRING DEADLINES: Graduate no earlier than December 2025	Up to \$4,000	FALL: 9/30/24, 10/31/24, 11/30/24 SPRING: 1/31/25, 2/28/25
SHARE Summer Virtual Apprenticeships <small>Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience</small>	Introduces students to social science, humanities, or arts research via a virtual apprenticeship with faculty	1st–3rd year students; major in social sciences, humanities, or arts; eligible for on-campus employment	Up to \$1,425 earned as hourly wage	3/28/25
OUR Conference Presentation Awards	Covers expenses associated with presenting at conferences	May be a part-time student (minimum 60 credits)	Up to \$500	Rolling review: 7/1/24- 4/1/25
OUR Research Travel Awards	Funds travel to conduct research off-campus	May be a part-time student (minimum 60 credits)	Up to \$500	Rolling review: 8/26/24- 4/1/25
OUR Supply Awards	Covers cost of supplies required for research or creative projects	May be a part-time student (minimum 60 credits)	Up to \$500	Rolling review: 8/26/24- 3/3/25

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 2027 can apply to join the 8th Cohort of BOLD Scholars in Spring 2025.

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.

* Eligibility for OUR award programs is restricted to full-time students in good academic standing at any UConn campus who are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree.

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UConn IDEA Grants

UConn IDEA Grant supports undergraduate students at all campuses in all majors. Students may apply individually or as part of a small group. Grants of up to \$6,000 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 \$5,500 (\$5,000 stipend for the student researcher and up to \$500 for supplies associated with the research/creative 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 social impact, public engagement, and social innovation, including service or educational initiatives, creative endeavors, applied research, advocacy, and social entrepreneurship. Fellows receive up to \$4,000 to support project expenses. Students may apply individually or as part of a small group. Applications are reviewed five times per year (end of September, October, November, January, and February).

SHARE Summer Virtual Apprenticeships (Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience)

The SHARE program provides undergraduates majoring in the social science, humanities, and arts with an opportunity to work remotely on a faculty mentor's project over the summer. Students develop foundational research skills that they can build on as they progress through their academic career, in addition to establishing a mentorship relationship with a faculty member. This program prioritizes early career students with little to no prior research experience. Research apprentices earn up to \$1,425 (via hourly wage) and faculty mentors receive a \$500 professional development award.

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 beginning in mid-July, with a maximum of \$500/student awarded until program funds are exhausted.

OUR Research Travel Awards

Research Travel 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

Supply awards fund the materials needed by undergraduates to complete their research or creative projects, such as laboratory consumables, art supplies, research participant incentives, and fees for time on shared equipment. Applications are reviewed regularly during the academic year, with a maximum of \$500/student awarded 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. During the senior year, Scholars disseminate the results of their summer projects, participate in ongoing leadership development activities, and serve as mentors for subsequent cohorts.

Work-Study Research Assistant Program

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

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