



SHARE Summer Apprenticeship Program

Summer 2026 SHARE Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 43 UConn undergraduate students selected to receive SHARE Summer Awards!

These outstanding students will spend the summer collaborating with 21 UConn faculty mentors on research or creative projects in social sciences, humanities, or arts disciplines.

We extend our sincere thanks to the 21 faculty mentors whose dedication and guidance make these experiences possible. By providing mentorship and meaningful learning opportunities, faculty help SHARE Summer Award recipients develop essential research, creative, and technical skills that will support their academic growth and prepare them for future scholarly, professional, and creative endeavors.

Dr. Brenda Brueggemann - American Studies; English; Social & Critical Inquiry; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

- Payton James '27, American Sign Language Studies & Psychological Sciences, CLAS
- Kiara Korten '28, English, CLAS

Dr. Kevin Ferreira van Leer - Human Development & Family Sciences

- Amanda Gonzalez '27, Political Science & Journalism, CLAS
- Victoria Matos '27, Human Development & Family Sciences, CLAS

Dr. Danielle Gilman and Dr. Michaela Telfer - English & First-Year Writing Program; UConn Library

- Tamara Segal '28, Environmental Engineering, ENG; English, CLAS
- Alyssa Torres '29, Political Science, CLAS

Dr. Maria Gombi Vaca – Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health

- Hannah Jacob '27, Psychological Sciences & Molecular and Cell Biology, CLAS
- Kehna Mehta '29, Nutritional Sciences, CAHNR

Dr. Chenglin Hong – Social Work

- Zahra Abdelhamid '28, Biological Sciences & Human Rights, CLAS
- Isabella Mota '28, Psychological Sciences, CLAS

Dr. Derek Houston – Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

- Grishma Jampal Sudharshanan '29, Allied Health Sciences & Nutritional Sciences, CAHNR
- Muskan Sahoo '28, Molecular and Cell Biology & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, CLAS

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Dr. Gio Iacono – Social Work

- Christine Audia '27, Business Administration, BUS
- Grace Bridges '28, Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR

Dr. Joshua Mayer – Anthropology; Social & Critical Inquiry

- Lorena Bracero '29, Political Science, CLAS
- Jhenelle Reid '28, Psychological Sciences & Human Development and Family Sciences, CLAS
- Nate Wylie '29, Human Rights & History, CLAS

Dr. Meg Paceley – Social Work

- Rue Amaya '27, Psychological Sciences, CLAS
- Sydney Glasgow '27, Art, SFA; Sociology, CLAS

Dr. Sherry Pagoto – Allied Health Sciences

- Riya Modi '28, Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR
- Pari Parikh '29, Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR

Dr. Sohyun Park – Plant Science & Landscape Architecture

- Katie Cropley '27, Landscape Architecture, CAHNR
- Paige Gregory '28, Environmental Studies & Political Science, CLAS

Dr. Mars Plater – History

- Megan Ng '28, Natural Resources, CAHNR
- Harri Srivastava '27, English & Anthropology, CLAS

Dr. Michael Rubin – Political Science; Human Rights Institute

- Daniel Derjue '28, Political Science, CLAS
- Mikaela Hartman '28, Political Science & Statistical Data Science, CLAS

Dr. Erin Scanlon and Dr. Liam McDermott – Physics

- Samantha Adams '27, Education (Grades 4-12), ED; History, CLAS
- Patricia Stephens-Burchette '27, Psychological Sciences, CLAS

Dr. Simon Yamawaki Shachter – Sociology

- Adan Bernard '27, Psychological Sciences & Sociology, CLAS
- Jaelyn Perreault '28, Political Science, CLAS



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Dr. Fumilayo Showers – Sociology; Africana Studies

- Zarah Ysabel Bancud '28, Sociology, CLAS
- Sneha Rath '27, Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR

Dr. Sudha Srinivasan – Kinesiology

- Julia Geca '28, Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR
- Elena Protasowicki '28, Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR

Dr. Loel Tronsky – Psychological Sciences

- Jessica Graham '28, Cognitive Science & American Sign Language Studies, CLAS
- Katherine Larson '28, Linguistics & Psychological Sciences, CLAS
- Victoria Mealha '27, Psychological Sciences, CLAS

Dr. Sarah Willen – Anthropology

- Audrey Claire Alerte '29, Anthropology & Biological Sciences, CLAS

Dr. Hanlin Zhou – Geography, Sustainability, Community, and Urban Studies

- Nicole Behrend '27, Psychological Sciences, CLAS
- Yuying Zhao '27, Economics, CLAS; Natural Resources, CAHNR

Professor Ting Zhou – Digital Media & Design

- Joshua Cummings '27, Digital Media & Design, SFA
- Lili Rivas '27, Digital Media & Design, SFA; Chinese, CLAS