

The University of Scranton

PRESIDENT'S FELLOWSHIPS FOR SUMMER RESEARCH

2025 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the President's Fellowships for Summer Research (PFSRs) program. The PFSR's provide students with the opportunity to engage in an intensive research project with a full-time faculty mentor during a ten-week period in the summer.

Please read this announcement carefully as there are several important changes taking place in the program this year after consultation with the Faculty Research Committee and the Faculty Senate.

There will be a total number of at least **seven (7) grants awarded** this year. Students and faculty from all disciplines may apply, while two of these will be dedicated specifically to projects that stem from the **Humanities (one award)** and the **Social Sciences (one award)**. The faculty honorarium will remain at **\$1,500**. While it is generally expected that a faculty member would serve as the mentor for only one project, in the event that one faculty member is serving as a mentor for more than one awarded project they will receive **one honorarium**.

The Office of Research Support and Sponsored Programs will administer the program. In addition to the faculty mentor honorarium, **\$3,000** will be provided to the student, with an additional stipend of **\$1500** to cover the cost of a room on campus for the ten-week period, if needed, and **\$500** is allocated for materials and/or student travel.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- Research proposals are to be prepared by students with faculty mentor assistance.
- Each proposal must be typed in **12-point font, double-spaced**, and include:
 - Abstract (1 page)
 - Narrative (maximum of 7 pages)
 - Background
 - Research objectives and importance of the proposed project
 - Methodology (include timeline for project, even if it extends beyond ten-week period)
 - Description of both student and faculty roles in the research project
 - Dissemination plan for research results, including potential products and authorship
 - Bibliography
 - CV (Curriculum Vitae) of faculty member (2 pages; experience relevant to research topic and student mentoring)
 - CV of student (2 pages)
 - Student transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable) – include with paper copy only
- **Submit by March 7, 2025**
 - One (1) original signed paper copy with transcripts to the Associate Provost, St. Thomas Hall, Room 5122
 - AND
 - One (1) electronic (WORD or pdf) copy without transcripts as an e-mail attachment to Linda Walsh, linda.walsh@scranton.edu.
- Students selected to receive the awards are required to display a poster of their work at the following spring's Annual Celebration of Student Scholars (held in April each year).

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate students who will continue full-time undergraduate study at The University of Scranton in Fall 2025 are eligible for a 2025 PFSR grant.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 at the time of proposal submission and at least a B+ in their major.
- To receive the award, students must be free of academic and disciplinary restrictions at the end of the Spring 2025 semester.

REVIEW

- The Faculty Research Committee will evaluate the proposals. Faculty on the Committee who submit proposals will not take part in the review process.
- Criteria to be used in the review process include:
 - Merit of the proposed work
 - Credentials of the faculty member and expectation for success in the research
 - Credentials of the student and expectation for success
 - Quality and extent of the student's role in the proposed work
 - Potential for joint authorship on communications resulting from the proposed work
- Given proposals of equivalent quality, preference will be given to 1) candidates who have not received this award previously, and 2) upper classmen.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Linda Walsh, Office of the Provost, 570-941-7520, or linda.walsh@scranton.edu

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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name:

Local Address:

Commuter Student (Yes or No?):

E-mail:

Local Telephone:

FACULTY INFORMATION

Mentor Name:

Department:

E-mail:

Telephone:

PROJECT TITLE:

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- ☐ Proposal Cover Sheet
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Narrative
- ☐ Bibliography
- ☐ Faculty CV
- ☐ Student CV
- ☐ Student Transcripts (include with paper copy only)

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ ONE ORIGINAL SIGNED PAPER COPY WITH TRANSCRIPTS to St Thomas Hall Room 5122
- ☐ ONE ELECTRONIC COPY (WITHOUT TRANSCRIPTS) to linda.walsh@scranton.edu

SIGNATURES:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____ Date: _____