

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

**MINIGRANT APPLICATION**

Eligibility criteria:

* Declared major in the College of Science
* Letter of support from faculty member
* Preference will be given to applicants who are pursuing their first research experience.
* Previous College of Science Minigrant awardees are eligible if they are pursuing a distinctly new research project (e.g. with a new mentor); such applicants will be evaluated in part on the basis of the success of their previous mentored research experience.

**Completed applications and supporting letters should be emailed to susannah.french@usu.edu by April 1, 2024.**

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| **APPLICANT INFORMATION** |
| Last Name | First | M.I. | A# |
| Street Address or PO Box |
| City | State | ZIP |
| Phone | E-mail Address |

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| **STUDENT STATUS** |
| Beginning next Fall you will be a: | Sophomore | Junior | Senior | Second BS student |
| Semester research will be performed: | Summer 2024 |  | Fall 2024 | Spring 2025 |
| Major: |
| Your expected graduation date: |
| Name of faculty research mentor from whom a letter has been requested (see page 2): |

**This application must be accompanied by:**

* A two-page proposal (single spaced) describing the proposed research project. This must be in your own words (not cut and pasted from a faculty grant proposal) and for a general scientific audience. The proposal should contain sections that address background and significance, design and methods, rationale, expected outcomes, and alternative plans.
* A one-page statement to the selection committee that addresses your qualifications to undertake the proposed research project (e.g. coursework/training) and the relationship of the proposed research project to your previous research experience and long-term career goals.
* Copies of all academic transcripts listing college/university credits.
* A list of honors, awards, scholarships, and formal recognition received while at USU.
* A list of other funding that is available for the project, including proposals that are under consideration.

CERTIFICATION. I certify that, as of this date, the information provided on this application is

correct to the best of my knowledge and I authorize the release of this information and/or my transcripts to anyone or institution involved in the awarding of the concerned minigrant.

Student’s signature Date

**College of Science Undergraduate Research Minigrant**

# Letter of Support

The faculty mentor should address the following in his/her letter of support. The letter may be sent directly to the College of Science via email to susannah.french@usu.edu.

1. Why is this student an appropriate candidate for a CoS Minigrant?
2. Is the project appropriate for the student’s current level of training?
3. Briefly describe your mentoring plan for the student during the research training.
4. Does your research program have adequate resources to support the proposed research?
5. What is the source of the $250 match?