

The Undergraduate Student Research Award

Sponsored by Donald Nelson Nasca

Description

Undergraduate Student Research Award, sponsored by Dr. Donald Nelson Nasca, supports undergraduate student research and creativity at the State University of New York at Fredonia. The goal of the award is to promote excellence in student research and creativity and to enhance the dissemination of that work. Through an endowment, Dr. Nasca has provided funding to support student research projects and creative activities at SUNY Fredonia. The Nasca Award will be provided to at least 2 students each academic year. A maximum of \$5,000 will be distributed among at least two student projects.

The student(s) selected for the award must be currently enrolled full time at SUNY Fredonia and must be matriculated students of sophomore, junior, or senior status at SUNY Fredonia for the following year. Awardees are required to present their work at the annual OSCAR Student Research and Creativity Exposition. If selected, students will receive their award the following Fall semester and must be able to fulfill their objectives by the following Spring to present their work at the OSCAR Exposition.

Application materials (i.e., project proposal and letter of support from SUNY Fredonia faculty) are due on Friday, March 28, 2025. Materials must be submitted electronically to OSCAR@fredonia.edu. Members of the OSCAR Advisory Committee will review the proposals and select the recipients based on the established evaluation criteria.

APPLICATION

Please limit narrative for the application to 2–4 single-spaced pages using clear and detailed language void of jargon. Keep in mind that the proposal will be read by scholars who may not specialize in your field; descriptions must be detailed but written for a general audience (i.e., educated adults who are not a part of your field). The budget and budget narrative may be presented on one additional page beyond the 2–4 pages for the application.

I. PROJECT TITLE AND SUMMARY

Provide a title for your project and summarize in one sentence what it is you would be seeking to accomplish with the award.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT/BACKGROUND

State the problem to be examined or work to be performed/displayed, including some background regarding previous research, performances, and/or exhibitions. Describe the significance of or need for the project in your discipline.

III. PROCEDURES/METHODOLOGY

Describe how you plan to carry out your project. Include a detailed timeline for your project including procedures/methodology.

IV. OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

Describe how the proposed project will advance your (the applicant's) knowledge/experience in the field. Describe the potential of the proposed project to advance the field through research or creation of new work.

V. DISSEMINATION

Describe your plans to disseminate the results of your project. Be sure to include the OSCAR Expo for the following academic year (as required by recipients of this award) and specific plans for sharing results beyond SUNY Fredonia (e.g., professional conferences, publications, recitals/performances, exhibitions).

VI. BUDGET*

Provide a detailed line-item budget and a narrative explaining the need for each request in the budget as related to the project. What specifically will you do with the funds? Why are the funds necessary? Include a description of the campus

resources you will use to maximize the economy of your funding requirements.

**Budgets may not include payment to the student or mentor for salary, stipend, or other type of compensation for work/time. Travel funding requests must be directly related to project completion or dissemination of results (in accordance with approved per diem rates and reimbursement policies of the university). Supplies and equipment must be directly related to the project (supplies and equipment not consumed in the process of the project become property of OSCAR upon completion of the project).*

Please include the following information in your budget narrative for projects with a total budget of more than \$1,500.

- 1) Projects over \$1,500 may not be considered for full funding depending on the number and quality of applications received. Could you successfully complete this project with partial funding?
- 2) If yes, describe how you would adjust your budget and priorities for funding to complete the project and how you would accommodate for partial funding.

VII. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Letter from the SUNY Fredonia faculty sponsor indicating willingness to mentor the student(s) and supervise the project being proposed.

[<<LINK TO THE EVALUATION CRITERIA>>](#)