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General questions about funding opportunities can be sent to Jessecae Marsh, Associate Dean of Interdisciplinary Programs and International Initiatives (jessecae.marsh@lehigh.edu).

### **Research Grants**

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https://research.cc.lehigh.edu/research-integrity

# CAS Undergraduate Research Grant

#### **Grant Description:**

The College of Arts and Sciences offers funding to encourage students to engage in independent inquiry, artistic creation, and scholarship, under faculty supervision. These grants are intended to enhance opportunities for undergraduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences who are engaging in research. Funds for this award are generally used for research materials, lab materials, travel costs associated with data collection, and other expenses related to research. These funds can also be used as fellowship stipends for summer research. Grant amounts can be given from \$500 up to \$5000. There are two application deadlines per year, one in mid- to late-October and another in March. Applications funded in the Fall cycle competition must spend all funds by the end of the following August 15th or before the student graduates, whichever comes first. Applications funded in the Spring cycle competition must spend all funds by December 15th or before the student graduates, whichever comes first.

Students in the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics are encouraged to apply. Funded projects are expected to involve a student doing independent research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Grant applications require a faculty advisor's support and endorsement. Students are expected to consult with the faculty advisor on the project when drafting the proposal and throughout the project.

#### **Proposal Due Date:**

Fall Cycle: October 10th by 12:00 pm (noon)
Spring Cycle: TBA by 12:00 pm (noon)

**InfoReady Application Link:** Apply Here!

#### Additional considerations:

• The grant review committee prioritizes funding new and novel projects. If you have already received funding from a CAS Undergraduate Research Grant, GELH, Dean's Creative Arts Grant, or Environmental Fellowship for this project, you must explain how this project is 1) different from what you received funding for previously, or 2) how the additional funding will help you vertically advance the project you have already

- completed. Priority will be given to students who are applying for funding for the first time.
- Each fall, students will be asked to present the research funded by this mechanism at an Undergraduate Poster Symposium. If you are a Senior and will graduate before next fall, you will not be responsible for presenting.
- Awarded funds must be used for the project as proposed. Any substantial changes to the
  research focus or budget must be approved by the Associate Dean. It is not guaranteed
  that if you change focus of your project, funding will still be awarded.
- If your project involves international travel, please complete this <u>Google Form</u> to be reviewed by the Study Abroad Office.
- Fellowship funds are only available for summer and should be calculated at a rate of \$12/hour at no more than 40 hours a week.
- Research should be completed before you graduate.
- Members of group or collaborative projects should prepare ONE application together.
   This application should outline the overall project and have separate sections for each student involved describing 1) Their specific contribution to the project, 2) The relevance of the project to their educational goals, and 3) Their background and qualifications for the proposed project. Each student requesting funding must submit this application separately with their own budget.
- The recommendation letter is due the day after the application, so contact letter writers ahead of time. A link is sent to them in the InfoReady system for uploading their letter when you submit your application or when you click on the "Send Reference Letter Request" button in a saved draft.

#### **Application components:**

- Project title
- Abstract.
  - A brief statement that describes the project in 3 to 4 sentences.
- Detailed Project Description
  - The project description should be **no more than 1,000** words, which includes the
    objective and approach of the proposed activity, the relevance to the student's
    educational goals, and a timeline for completion.
  - Include a description of your background and qualifications for the proposed project. This does not count toward the word count.

#### Budget

- The budget should be a bulleted list that describes each cost the grant will pay for. Include any material costs, travel costs, stipend, and any other needed expenses.
- Indicate if you have submitted this proposal at additional funding sources (e.g., Eckardt funding), or if you have additional funding already awarded for this project and how much of the total project costs will be covered by that other funding.
- Faculty Support Letter.

 At the time of submitting, you must submit the contact information for your faculty advisor. Your advisor will then write a statement of support that they will submit through the InfoReady system. Research will be conducted in accordance with procedures and safeguards normally associated with work in the discipline.
 Faculty supervisors will provide guidance on university and professional standards, regulations, and policies.

#### If you are planning International Travel:

Should your proposal involve international travel, please Include a \$50 registration fee in your budget for trips up to 6 weeks or Include a \$100 registration fee in your budget for trips longer than 6 weeks. This registration enrolls you in the Lehigh University Student International Services and Insurance Program.

#### Undergraduate Research involving Animals or Human Subjects:

Students who plan to use animals or human subjects in their research must also include a description of appropriate safeguards and receive Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval as appropriate. If your proposal calls for IACUC or IRB approval, our office will need documentation of the approval before we are able to release grant funding to you. Faculty advisors will assist with guidelines that can be found on the web page of the Office of Research Integrity (research.cc.lehigh.edu/irb or https://research.cc.lehigh.edu/animals).

#### CAS Dean's Creative Arts Grant

#### **Grant Description:**

The Dean's Creative Arts Grants present a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to secure funding for their creative arts projects, with grants of up to \$5,000 available. These projects will be conducted under the supervision of a full-time Lehigh faculty advisor. Tailored specifically to offer essential support for students actively engaged in the performing and visual arts, these grants aim to foster collaboration across diverse disciplines such as music, art, architecture, design, and theatre. The overarching goal is to support projects that challenge artistic norms, contributing to a rich tapestry of creativity that reflects the interconnected nature of the arts in our contemporary world.

Grant recipients are expected to deliver a final project aligned with their field of study, showcasing various forms of artistic expression, including but not limited to theatrical performances, art exhibits, musical concerts, or other relevant mediums. Priority in funding will be given to projects that embrace interdisciplinary approaches. There are two application deadlines per year, one in October and another in March. Applications funded in the Fall cycle competition must spend all funds by the end of the following August 15th or before the student graduates, whichever comes first. Applications funded in the Spring cycle competition must spend all funds by December 15th of that year or before the student graduates, whichever comes first.

Proposal Due Date: Fall Cycle: October 10th by 12:00 pm (noon)

Spring Cycle: TBA by 12:00 pm (noon)

InfoReady Application Link: Apply Here!

#### Additional considerations:

- The grant review committee prioritizes funding new and novel projects. If you have already received funding from a CAS Undergraduate Research Grant, GELH, Dean's Creative Arts Grant, or Environmental Fellowship for this project, you must explain how this project is 1) different from what you received funding for previously, or 2) how the additional funding will help you vertically advance the project you have already completed. Priority will be given to students who are applying for funding for the first time.
- Fellowship funds are only available for summer and should be calculated at a rate of \$12/hour at no more than 40 hours a week.
- Research should be completed before graduation.
- Each year, students will be asked to present the artistic research funded by this grant in a public performance, concert, exhibition, or a creative combination thereof.
- Members of group or collaborative projects should prepare ONE application together that
  they will each submit. This application should outline the overall project and have
  separate sections for each student involved describing 1) Their specific contribution to
  the project, 2) The relevance of the project to their educational goals, and 3) Their

- background and qualifications for the proposed project. Each student requesting funding must submit this application separately with their own budget.
- The recommendation letter is due the day after the application, so contact letter writers ahead of time. A link is sent to them in the InfoReady system for uploading their letter when you submit your application or when you click on the "Send Reference Letter Request" button in a saved draft.

#### **Application components:**

To be awarded funding your application must include each of the following points.

- Project title
- Abstract.
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- Detailed Project Description
  - The project description should be **no more than 1,000** words, which includes the
    objective and approach of the proposed activity, the relevance to the student's
    educational goals, and a timeline for completion.
  - Include a description of your background and qualifications for the proposed project. This does not count toward the word count.

#### Budget

- The budget should be a bulleted list that describes each cost the grant will pay for. Include any material costs, travel costs, stipend, and any other needed expenses.
- Indicate if you have submitted this proposal at additional funding sources (e.g., Eckardt funding), or if you have additional funding already awarded for this project and how much of the total project costs will be covered by that other funding.
- Faculty Support Letter.
  - At the time of submitting, you must submit the contact information for your faculty advisor. Your advisor will then write a statement of support that they will submit through the InfoReady system. Research will be conducted in accordance with procedures and safeguards normally associated with work in the discipline.
     Faculty supervisors will provide guidance on university and professional standards, regulations, and policies.

## **Environmental Fellowships**

#### **Funding Description:**

Grant funds are available to support student research and internships that have a research component in areas related to environmental sustainability. This can include sustainable energy, environmental policy, environmental economics, environmental health, environmental justice, or natural resource conservation. Research must be conducted under the mentorship of a Lehigh faculty member. The maximum funding level is \$5,000 per student.

Proposal Due Date: TBA in Spring 2026 by 12:00 pm (noon)

InfoReady Application Link: Coming soon.

#### Additional considerations:

- These grants are intended to fund research-related expenses, such as materials, travel
  costs, or for a stipend to cover cost of living expenses. If using grant funding for a
  stipend, this should be calculated at a rate of \$12 per hour.
- Students may submit individual applications, or may apply for funding for partner or team-based projects. Members of group or collaborative projects should prepare ONE application together that they will each submit. This application should outline the overall project and have separate sections for each student involved describing 1) Their specific contribution to the project, 2) The relevance of the project to their educational goals, and 3) Their background and qualifications for the proposed project. Each student requesting funding must submit this application separately with their own budget.
- All summer projects must conclude by mid-August. Each fall, students will be asked to present the research funded by this mechanism at an Undergraduate Poster Symposium.
- If your project involves international travel, please complete this <u>Google Form</u> to be reviewed by the Study Abroad Office.
- The grant review committee prioritizes funding new and novel projects. If you have already received funding from a CAS Undergraduate Research Grant, GELH, Dean's Creative Arts Grant, or Environmental Fellowship for this project, you must explain how this project is 1) different from what you received funding for previously, or 2) how the additional funding will help you vertically advance the project you have already completed. Priority will be given to students who are applying for funding for the first time.
- Funding is limited so awards are competitive.
- Awarded funds must be used for the project as proposed. Any substantial changes to the
  research focus or budget must be approved by the Associate Dean. It is not guaranteed
  that if you change focus of your project, funding will still be awarded.

#### **Application components:**

Project title

#### Abstract.

A brief statement that describes the project in 3 to 4 sentences.

#### Detailed Project Description

- The project description should be **no more than 1,000** words, which includes the
  objective and approach of the proposed activity, the relevance to the student's
  educational goals, and a timeline for completion.
- Include a description of your background and qualifications for the proposed project. This does not count toward the word count.

#### Budget

- The budget should be a bulleted list that describes each cost the grant will pay for. Include any material costs, travel costs, stipend, and any other needed expenses.
- Indicate if you have submitted this proposal at additional funding sources (e.g., Eckardt funding), or if you have additional funding already awarded for this project and how much of the total project costs will be covered by that other funding.

#### Faculty Support Letter.

At the time of submitting, you must submit the contact information for your faculty advisor(s). Your advisor(s) will write a statement of support that they will submit through the InfoReady system. You are required to have 1 letter of support from a Lehigh faculty mentor. If your project involves mentoring from an additional faculty member, they should also submit a letter of support. Research will be conducted in accordance with procedures and safeguards normally associated with work in the discipline. Faculty supervisors will provide guidance on university and professional standards, regulations, and policies.

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#### Undergraduate Research involving Animals or Human Subjects:

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#### The External Mentor

The external mentor is someone who is associated with the site where your research or experiential activity will be conducted if it is outside of Lehigh University. Not all projects require an external

mentor; only those conducted outside of Lehigh University require an external mentor. The external mentor is responsible for reviewing your proposal, your deliverable, and keeping your budget on track. The mentor is also responsible for assisting with research related questions and the IRB/travel process if applicable. Mentors cannot be paid stipend or be reimbursed for travel expenses.

The committee's review criteria will be based on:

- How well the proposed project contributes to environmental sustainability
- Whether there is a clear final product.
- The applicant's preparation for the proposed project.
- The likelihood of achieving the stated goals within the proposed time frame, budget, and institutional or other potential constraints.

# Grants for Research or Experiential Opportunities

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# Grants for Experiential Learning in Health

#### **Funding Description:**

The College of Arts & Sciences has grant funds available for first-year, sophomore, and junior undergraduate students to support experiential learning activities in health. Students who meet the qualifications and whose proposals are accepted by the committee may be awarded funding of up to \$5000. An experiential learning activity in health is an independent, hands-on research or real world experience that advances the student's understanding of health or healthcare. For example, a student might shadow a physician in a hospital, intern for a health insurance company, take on a research project at a Center for Public Health, volunteer for a NGO with a health mission, conduct oral histories of cancer patients, or conduct health-related research in a laboratory. Identification and justification of the funded activity is up to the student; the principal requirement is that the proposed activity be related to health. Applications are due each year in the spring semester.

Health is broadly defined, stretching from research or work experiences in the natural sciences (e.g., biological research), the social sciences (e.g., community health research, health policy; hospital finances and management), to the humanities (e.g., history of medicine; bioethics; narrative; art). The intent of this program is to give students an opportunity to develop and experience a unique learning activity that will broaden and deepen their knowledge of some aspect of health or health care. This experience must take place between mid-May and mid-August. No late proposals will be considered.

Proposal Due Date: TBA in Spring 2026 by 12:00 pm (noon)

InfoReady Application Link: Coming soon.

#### Additional considerations:

 This grant is intended to fund supplies, materials, travel costs, or for a stipend to cover cost of living expenses and/or summer wage replacement. If using grant funding for a stipend, this should be calculated at a rate of \$12 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours a week.

- These funds cannot be used on credit-bearing activities.
- It is expected that if your project is funded, you will participate in the CAS Undergraduate Poster Symposium that takes place each Fall.
- Only current first-years, sophomores, and juniors can apply.
- Members of group or collaborative projects should prepare ONE application together.
   This application should outline the overall project and have separate sections for each student involved describing 1) Their specific contribution to the project, 2) The relevance of the project to their educational goals, and 3) Their background and qualifications for the proposed project. Each student requesting funding must submit this application separately with their own budget.
- The recommendation letter is due the day after the application, so contact letter writers ahead of time. A link is sent to them in the InfoReady system for uploading their letter when you submit your application or when you click on the "Send Reference Letter Request" button in a saved draft.
- If your project involves international travel, please complete this <u>Google Form</u> to be reviewed by the Study Abroad Office.
- If this project involves research, please read the Research Compliance statement at the top of this page.
- The grant review committee prioritizes funding new and novel projects. If you have already received funding from a CAS Undergraduate Research Grant, GELH, Dean's Creative Arts Grant, or Environmental Fellowship for this project, you must explain how this project is 1) different from what you received funding for previously, or 2) how the additional funding will help you vertically advance the project you have already completed. Priority will be given to students who are applying for funding for the first time.
- Awarded funds must be used for the project as proposed. Any substantial changes to the
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#### **Application components:**

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- Detailed Project Description
  - The project description should be **no more than 1,000** words, which includes the
    objective and approach of the proposed activity, the relevance to the student's
    educational goals, and a timeline for completion.
  - Include a description of your background and qualifications for the proposed project. This does not count toward the word count.
- Budget
  - The budget should be a bulleted list that describes each cost the grant will pay for. Include any material costs, travel costs, stipend, and any other needed expenses.

 Indicate if you have submitted this proposal at additional funding sources (e.g., Eckardt funding), or if you have additional funding already awarded for this project and how much of the total project costs will be covered by that other funding.

#### Faculty Support Letter.

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# Summer Experiential Learning Fellowship in Art, Architecture and Design

#### **Funding Description:**

The Department of Art, Architecture and Design has launched a new Summer Experiential Learning Fellowship, beginning summer 2024. The Fellowship provides need-based support to undergraduate majors in the department who are pursuing a summer internship that requires them to relocate from their primary place of residence, or to incur other significant expenses connected with their internship.

The department values the important role that summer internships play in enabling students to extend their studies beyond the classroom, and to gain critical professional and workplace experience—and recognizes that not all students have equitable access to internship opportunities because of the frequent cost burdens associated with them. The Summer Experiential Learning Fellowship provides up to \$5,000 to awarded students, and through this, aims to make summer internship possible for a broader range of students.

The exact Fellowship amount for each awarded student will be determined through the student's financial need classification by the Office of Financial Aid, and the location, duration, and compensation of the internship. Funding for the Fellowship is provided through the generous philanthropy of alumni and supporters of the Department of Art, Architecture and Design.

Proposal Due Date: Early April 2026

InfoReady Application Link: coming soon

#### **Additional considerations:**

 To be eligible for the Fellowship, the student must be a major in the Department of Art, Architecture and Design; have demonstrated financial need; and be actively seeking an internship for the summer.

#### **Application components:**

- Part 1: Interested students should submit an initial application through the InfoReady Application system link above. The application collects basic information about the student that is then paired to their need classification by the Office of Financial Aid, and determines their eligibility for the Fellowship.
- Part 2: Immediately upon receiving a formal offer for their summer internship from the
  internship sponsor, employer, or organization, the student will submit a full application,
  using this form. The form gathers detailed information about the internship, its location,
  duration, and compensation, and requests a copy of the student's internship offer and
  acceptance letter.

Upon determination of eligibility in their initial application (Part 1), and successful completion of their full application (Part 2), awards are made to students on a first come first serve basis, until the total funding allocated for the Fellowship has been awarded.

# Undergraduate Research Assistant for the Alley House Program of the Small Cities Lab

#### **Funding Description:**

The Department of Art, Architecture and Design is launching a new Undergraduate Research Assistantship for summer 2024, for undergraduate students who are interested in working as research assistants on the Alley House Program, an affordable and accessible housing design-build program in partnership with the City of Bethlehem and the non-profit Community Action Lehigh Valley (CALV), and administered by the Small Cities Lab, a new interdisciplinary research lab seated within the Department and supported by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Undergraduate Research Assistants for the Alley House Program will work both together and individually on distinct aspects of the program, from design and planning through construction and fabrication, both in the research and teaching spaces of the Small Cities Lab in Building C on Mountaintop Campus, and at a building site off campus in the City of Bethlehem. They will work under the supervision of PI faculty member Wes Hiatt (Department of Art, Architecture and Design), and professional construction managers and contractors from Community Action Lehigh Valley (CALV). The Undergraduate Research Assistantship is supported through the generous funding of the Baker Institute for Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation.

Undergraduate Research Assistants are expected to be working on the program in person during Summer Session 1 and 2 (Monday, May 20–Thursday, August 8, 2024), for three days of each week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. They are also expected to simultaneously register for the credit-bearing course, name and details to be provided if accepted to the program The course will run concurrently during those three days. Partial engagement for just one of the two Summer Sessions is also possible, although the research assistantship is primarily aimed at students who can be present for the full period of Summer Session 1 and 2.

The stipend for the position is \$833.33 per biweekly pay period for a total stipend of \$5,000, less applicable taxes. Upon submission of all required documentation, your appointment will begin May 20, 2024, and end August 8, 2024. You will receive your first paycheck on June 14, 2024.

Proposal Due Date: Early April 2026

InfoReady Application Link: coming soon

#### Additional considerations:

All Lehigh University undergraduates are eligible to apply for the Undergraduate Research Assistantship. Applicants of all experience levels, backgrounds, and interests are encouraged to apply. No previous experience in architecture, design, or construction is required. Up to 10 positions will be funded.

#### **Application components:**

In addition to providing basic academic and personal information, students as part of the InfoReady application will be requested to write a one- to two-paragraph explanation of why the

Undergraduate Research Assistantship is of interest to them, as well as relevant experience or coursework they have undertaken, if any. They will also be asked to include the names and contact information of up to three references. A reference can be your academic advisor, a previous instructor, a professional contact, or any other non-relative who can support your application.

# Study Abroad Grant

## **CAS Study Abroad Grants**

#### **Funding Description:**

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences has established a fund to provide financial support for CAS students who are studying abroad. These experiences may include short-term or "off-cycle" study abroad programs, such as those taking place during winter break, spring break, and summer. Funds may also be used for "on-cycle" (Fall/Spring semester) study abroad experiences. These funds are only for credit-bearing study abroad programs. The funds can be used for Lehigh-led programs, or for approved study abroad programs facilitated by an outside or third-party provider. Student eligibility to travel will be reviewed by the study abroad office. CAS Study Abroad Grants may fund up to \$3,000. The College of Arts and Science's Study Abroad Grants are provided by gifts from our generous donors. As a condition of accepting this funding, awardees will be asked to complete a brief reflection of their experience to share with donor(s). Dedicated funding is available through this mechanism for students who are majoring in art, architecture, or design (thanks to the AAD Department); studying abroad in Asia (thanks to the Asian Studies Program); and studying a language abroad (thanks to the Language Immersion study abroad grant). There is a funding cycle each fall and each spring for the following break and semester periods.

These grants are **competitive** and there is only enough funding to support a small percentage of applicants. In making funding decisions the review committee considers factors including: relevance of the program to the student's academic program/future career, student's financial need, student's academic standing, whether the student has traveled internationally before, and whether the student received previous funding to study abroad. A good application sells how the specific study abroad experience is beneficial to the applicant's academic journey.

The following are links to Lehigh's approved-for-funding <u>Study Abroad programs</u>. ANY PROGRAM NOT INCLUDED ON THESE LISTS is not eligible for Lehigh grant funding. If you have questions, or would like to know more about Study Abroad opportunities, please reach out to the Study Abroad Office. You must have a completed Lehigh study abroad application submitted BEFORE you can submit for the CAS Study Abroad grant.

A reference from a faculty member is required. You will supply the faculty member's email address and they will be sent information to fill out a recommendation form. Please let your recommender know you will need their recommendation ahead of the due date. A link is sent to them in the InfoReady system for their reference when you submit your application. The recommendation is due the day after the application, so contact letter writers ahead of time.

Proposal Due Date: October 1, 2025 by 12:00 pm (noon)

#### InfoReady Application Link: Apply Here!

#### **Application components**

There are three components that are required for your application.

- 1) <u>Personal Essay</u>. To be awarded funding your application must clearly address each of the following points in a short personal essay.
  - Identify and fully describe the Study Abroad program (e.g., courses to be taken, location, etc.)
  - Describe how the study abroad program is helping to fulfill major or minor requirements, or to contribute to your overall academic and professional goals.
  - Indicate if you are studying a foreign language, and if foreign language study is included in the Study Abroad experience.
- 2) Budget. Your budget must include each of the following.
  - The total out-of-pocket cost for this study abroad program.
  - A detailed and itemized list of all expenses. Include the program fees and any other needed expenses. and also your specific budget request. Remember that the maximum amount you can receive is \$3,000.
    - Be sure to include a \$50 registration fee in your budget for study abroad trips up to 6 weeks. Include a \$100 registration fee in your budget for trips longer than 6 weeks. This registration enrolls you in the Lehigh University Student International Services and Insurance Program.
  - Describe what sources of funding (personal, family, loans, additional scholarships, etc.) you will use to cover the costs of this trip that are NOT covered by a CAS Study Abroad grant.
  - State whether or not you have requested, will request, or received additional funding for this trip.
  - State whether or not you have received Lehigh funding for international travel in the past. If you have received funding, describe all past international trips, the approximate dates, and funding received
- 3) Faculty support letter: A statement of support from a faculty member. You will supply the faculty member's email address and they will be sent information to submit a letter of recommendation. Please let your letter writer know ahead of the due date that a letter will be required. A link is sent to them in the InfoReady system for uploading their letter when you submit your application or when you click on the "Send Reference Letter Request" button in a saved draft. The recommendation letter is due the day after the application, so contact letter writers ahead of time.

# Major or Program Specific Funding Opportunities for Experiential Learning

### **Africana Studies Grants**

InfoReady Application Link - Apply Here

# Eckardt Scholars Research and Project Grants

InfoReady Application Link - Apply Here

# **IDEAS** Research and Project Grants

InfoReady Application Link - Apply Here