Q-&-A

Below are commonly asked questions regarding the Student Council Research Grants with answers that can also be found on the College Council Website. For additional questions/clarification/guidance, please contact uvacollegecouncilfunding@gmail.com.

Who is eligible to apply for the grants?

Any undergraduate student enrolled/pursuing to be a degree candidate in the College of Arts and Sciences can apply for the grants. Applications are encouraged from students in various disciplines and academic backgrounds.

What kinds of projects are encouraged?

A wide variety of projects are encouraged, including those in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, creative arts, and interdisciplinary fields. The College Council values projects that demonstrate innovation, originality, and contribute significantly to their respective fields.

What should be included in the research proposal?

The research proposal (maximum 1,000 words) should include:
- Introduction: Background information and research goals.
- Methodology: Detailed plan for how the project will be carried out.
- Anticipated Results and Implications: Expected outcomes, contribution to the field, and personal intellectual development.

What documents are required for the application?

Applicants must submit the following PDF documents:
- Completed Application Form (LastnameFirstname_CCSpringGrant2025_Application.pdf)
- Research Proposal (LastnameFirstname_CCSpringGrant2025_Proposal.pdf)
- Unofficial Transcript (LastnameFirstname_CCSpringGrant2025_Transcript.pdf)
- Itemized Budget (LastnameFirstname_CCSpringGrant2025_Budget.pdf)
- Research Timeline (LastnameFirstname_CCSpringGrant2025_Timeline.pdf)

Are there any budget limitations?

Yes, the maximum budget request is $1,800. You must include an itemized budget and disclose any other grants you've applied for, specifying any overlaps.

What can the itemized budget have?

The itemized budget must have all relevant supplies/equipment/general costs required for the research project to be conducted. However, it is important that applicants are mindful about the source of their listed spending, as all items to be bought on the itemized budget must have the most reasonable price found on the web. This does not mean that students are expected to list

lower quality items, but simply that the item that the student lists is the lowest possible price for said item.

What are the faculty advisor's responsibilities?

Each project must have a faculty advisor who will:
- Write a letter of recommendation.
- Sign the Faculty Advisor Endorsement form.
- Oversee the student's research.
- Ensure compliance with IRB regulations (if applicable).

What happens if I do not submit my project and expenditure report on time?

If you do not submit the report by the last week of the Spring 2025 semester, you will be liable for your project expenses and required to repay the awarded funds to the College Council.

Can students apply for both the Semester Scholar Award and the Minerva Award?

Yes, students can apply for both awards as long as they meet the eligibility criteria for each. However, receiving one grant may impact the priority for receiving another, as preference is given to students who have not received previous funding.