BU Research Funding Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

Newbury Award

Description:

The Newbury Award is provided by Boston University's Newbury Center to support first-generation college students conducting summer research through Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program UROP. The Newbury Awards' recipients are selected from the funded UROP applicant pool. For more information about the Newbury Center, please visit their website.

Deadline:

December 8, 2023, 12pm EST.

Application Process:

1. **Applicant Information:** You'll need your full name, pronouns, BU ID number, BU email address, college, major, current year, and expected graduation date. You'll also need your mentor's name, college, department, and email address. Your mentor must be a Boston University faculty member.
2. **Project title:** Limited to 500 characters
3. **Project description & goals:** Use layman language for the description and the word "I" in describing your role. The description is limited to 3000 words.
4. **Project significance:** Explain (in general terms) why the information gained from this research project will be beneficial. What are the research's implications relative to the field of study? You should not focus on how this project would help you or your career goals.
5. **Methodology:** Identify specific steps, resources, and processes necessary to perform your research.

6. **Timeline:** This timeline should focus on the work that you will be doing this semester and not the overall timeline of the project, and timelines can be organized by week or phase.
7. **Background experience:** List any previous research experience, course work, or other relevant experience. *If you have worked with your mentor previously or have had them in class, you can also highlight that.*
8. **Bibliography**: List consulted sources and cited references you used while preparing this proposal. *If you are writing your application in Microsoft Word (or a similar platform) use in-text citations. You can also number citations (i.e., (1)" in the text of the application and have the number (1) correspond to an entry in the bibliography section).* If needed, you can use Zotero to organize your references.
9. **Safety training:** Check if your project requires laboratory, radiation, laser, x-ray,
   or animal safety training. If so, you are required to complete training Animal Safety courses are coordinated by the Laboratory Animal Care Facility.
10. **Animal or human subjects:** Check if your project requires research with animals or humans. If your project requires human subjects, you are required to obtain Institutional Review Board (IRB) approvals. If your project requires animal subjects, you are required to obtain approval from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Provost's Scholars Awards

Description:

The Provost's Scholars Awards celebrate the achievements of students who have demonstrated their willingness in their first two years of college to stretch themselves intellectually. Up to twenty awards are given annually, each carrying $1000 of funding for research/creative activity expenses such as travel to conferences and archives or for research-related equipment and supplies. Awards are distributed through (UROP). For information about the Provost's Scholars Awards, please click here.

Deadline:

March 21, 2024, 12pm EST.

Application Process:

1. **Applicant Information:** You'll need your full name, pronouns, BU ID number, BU email address, college, major, current year, and expected graduation date. You'll also need your mentor's name, college, department, and email address. Your mentor must be a Boston University faculty member.
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9. **Safety training:** Check if your project requires laboratory, radiation, laser, x-ray, or animal safety training. If so, you are required to complete training Animal Safety courses are coordinated by the Laboratory Animal Care Facility.
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Sankofa Scholars Undergraduate Research Program

Description:

The Sankofa Scholars Undergraduate Research Program offers research opportunities for students to work with well-established researchers. Underrepresented Students of Color and first-generation students are strongly encouraged to apply. Scholars complete 5-10 hours of impactful research each week during the fall and spring semesters and can also participate in summer research.

Scholars complete a once-a-week seminar to support their research, build community, and prepare for graduate school admission. Sankofa Scholars is open to first and second year students across all majors at Boston University. A strong applicant will have a 2.8 GPA or higher (1st year students) or a 3.0 or higher (2nd year students).

Deadline:

December 8, 2023

Application Process:

1. Two 250-word essays responding to the following prompts:

- Describe your interests in conducting research. How is research important to your field of study? What is a topic you would like to study through research?
- What are your short-term and long-term academic and career plans? How can your participation in The Sankofa Scholars Undergraduate Research Program help you reach your short-term and long-term goals?

2. One letter of recommendation
3. Official or unofficial transcript

UROP Stipend Awards

Description:

Stipend Awards are paid directly to the student as taxable income. And the hourly rate will reflect the current federal minimum wage. There are two awards:

Student Research Award (SRA): Full amount provided by UROP Fall or Spring Semester.

Faculty Matching Grants (FMG): Half provided by UROP, half by the faculty mentor Fall or Spring Semester.

Students may apply for different stipend amounts based on the approximate number of hours to be worked per week:

Fall or Spring Semester:

- 5 hours = $550
- 8 hours = $880
- 10 hours = $1,100
- 12 hours = $1,320
- 15 hours = $1,650

Summer:

- 20 hours = $2,200
- 40 hours = $4,400

Deadline:

Fall: Monday, September 11, 2023 12pm EST

Spring: Friday, December 8, 2023 12pm EST

Summer: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12pm EST

Application Process:

1. **Applicant Information:** You'll need your full name, pronouns, BU ID number, BU email address, college, major, current year, and expected graduation date. You'll also need your mentor's name, college, department, and email address. Your mentor must be a Boston University faculty member.
2. **Award Information:** For either Faculty Matching Grant or Student Research Award, select the approximate hours you're working. And check if you're receiving academic credit, using a work study award, enrolled as a full-time student, and the location of where you're performing the research.
3. **Project title:** Limited to 500 characters
4. **Project description & goals:** Use layman language for the description and the word "I" in describing your role. The description is limited to 3000 words.
5. **Project significance:** Explain (in general terms) why the information gained from this research project will be beneficial. What are the research's implications relative to the field of study? You should not focus on how this project would help you or your career goals.
6. **Methodology:** Identify specific steps, resources, and processes necessary to perform your research.
7. **Timeline:** This timeline should focus on the work that you will be doing this semester and not the overall timeline of the project, and timelines can be organized by week or phase.
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Travel & Supplies Awards

Description:

Travel:

Research-Related Travel Awards: cover travel to a research destination. Awards are typically no more than $500.

Conference Participation Travel Awards: cover travel for undergraduates who are presenting at a conference. If you are not presenting your research, you may still be eligible for a travel award, if you can convey how attendance at the conference will benefit your research. Awards are typically no more than $500.

Supplies:

Funds that are provided to the mentor's department to cover supplies needed for the research project. You may only apply for a supplies award or a stipend award, not both.

Deadline:

Applications for travel, supplies, and stipends are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing. But travel applications must have occurred or occur within 2 months of the application submission.

Application Process:

Travel

1. **Applicant Information:** You'll need your full name, pronouns, BU ID number, BU email address, college, major, current year, and expected graduation date. You'll also need your mentor advisor's name, college, department, and email address. Your mentor must be a Boston University faculty member.
2. **Award Information:** Select which type of award funding you're doing. Either Conference Participation Travel Award or Research Related Travel Award . There's no limit to the requested travel funding amount.
3. **Conference Information:** Acronyms aren't allowed when writing the name of the conference or the sponsor of the conference.
4. **Budget:** UROP Travel Awards only cover primary transportation, lodging and conference registration fees. When writing the budget, primary transportation includes airfare, train, or bus fare, and vehicle mileage. Lodging includes AirBnB, hotel, etc.
5. **Budget Justification:** There's no character limit for writing how this award will further your research or academic goals. And there isn't a character word limit on the research supplies funding amount you can request, project title, or description of research project.

Supplies

1. **Applicant Information:** You'll need your full name, pronouns, BU ID number, BU email address, college, major, current year, and expected graduation date. You'll also need your mentor's name, college, department, and email address. Your mentor must be a Boston University faculty member.
2. **Award Information:** Select which type of award funding you're doing and choose supplies.
3. **Supplies Awards Information:** There isn't a character limit for writing on the research supplies funding amount you can request, project title, or research project's description.

4. **Supplies Award Request:** Outline your budget for supplies including the quantity, price, name and brief description of the items for which funds are requested. Supplies Awards are typically under $600.
5. **Supplies Award Justification:** Describe the role the requested materials will play in your research and briefly explain your need for each item.