

## Guidelines for the AURS Fellowship Award:

1. Only STUDENT WRITTEN proposals will be considered for funding. Proposals that are cut and pasted from a faculty-written document will not be considered. In addition, poorly written proposals will not be recommended for funding and will be returned to the student for potential resubmission at a later date.
2. The proposal should be a clear and precise statement of the research problem to be investigated and the need for its investigation. Proposals should include objectives, hypotheses, and or questions posed by the student to be investigated as well as the proposed methodology to be undertaken as appropriate. The fellowship budget can include a stipend for the applicant, materials & supplies, travel, etc as appropriate for the project. The proposed project can be planned to occur at any time within the following year.
3. Undergraduate students applying for the fellowship must demonstrate financial need; have a minimum 3.0 GPA; be of any standing with a preference shown to freshmen and sophomores
4. The College of Science and Engineering (CoSE) Dean & Associate Dean will form an ad hoc committee to evaluate, rank, and select the top two proposals for funding. The review committee for the fellowship grants is to be composed of a faculty representative from each department in the CoSE similar or identical to the CoSE Research Committee.
5. Proposals should have a maximum length of 3 pages PLUS the cover page.
6. One AURS Fellowship award in the amount of \$6,000 is anticipated for the 2026 funding opportunity.
7. A student receiving funds for research with a faculty advisor who is a member of the College of Science and Engineering agrees to present a poster on the work done at the Spring 2026 College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Student Research Symposium.
8. **Submission deadlines for: Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
9. **Submission guidelines: Submit hardcopies of cover page with appropriate signatures to Ms. Heather Chapman in the CoSE Dean's**

office *and* email electronic copies of the full proposal to [hchapman@uca.edu](mailto:hchapman@uca.edu) with the subject heading "AURS Fellowship".