

SUNY ONEONTA STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM – RESEARCH PROJECTS

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Administered by the College Senate Committee on Research and the Grants Development Office (GDO)

GUIDELINES/APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS for 2018 RESEARCH AWARDS

(Separate guidelines and application forms are used for Research projects and Creative Activity projects.)

Spring 2018 Application Deadline

See separate required FORMS (student form and faculty form), which **must be submitted independently**.
Application materials are available on the [Committee on Research website](#).

Due date: 5:00 PM, Monday, March 19, 2018

General Program Description: To encourage and support student research and creative activity at SUNY Oneonta, the College Senate Committee on Research, with financial support from the State University College at Oneonta Foundation, Inc. and the SUNY Oneonta Alumni Association, awards grants for independent projects conducted by students with faculty sponsorship in any discipline or interdisciplinary area.

Student and Faculty Sponsor Eligibility and Expectations:

- All applicants must be full- or part-time SUNY Oneonta students during the period that the proposed work is to be conducted, as indicated in the project description (no retroactive funding allowed).
- Students graduating in May 2018 are not eligible to apply.
- The program's priority is to fund *undergraduate* applicants; however, graduate students may apply. A maximum of 10% of the total funding allocated for a given year will be awarded to graduate applicants.
- Primary faculty sponsors must be SUNY Oneonta academic staff. Adjunct/part-time faculty **do** qualify as a sponsor **if** they have a current contract **and** expect to have a fall 2018 semester contract.
- The number of student participants on a single proposal may not exceed three [3]; the unique contribution of each student participant must be described in the proposal.
- No faculty member may sponsor or co-sponsor more than two [2] projects per grant cycle.
- Funding is intended to support **independent student** research; **faculty sponsors** are expected to help plan the project, review the proposal/provide feedback to the student(s) prior to submission, assure compliance issues are addressed, and assist with project progress and completion within the specified time frame.
- Student applicants must write the proposal (with appropriate feedback from the faculty sponsor) and, if awarded: carry out the project, keep records, and present the project at a SUNY Oneonta Student Research & Creative Activity (SRCA) Day event (held annually in April).
- Grant recipients *and* faculty sponsors will be required to address all applicable [research compliance](#) issues prior to accessing funds. This includes a requirement for research grant awardees AND their faculty sponsors to complete applicable Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training prior to accessing awarded funds.
- The Faculty Sponsor Form **must be submitted separately from the student application, by the deadline**, and should clearly indicate the quality of the project and the student(s)'s ability to perform the project. Demonstration of support of the project will be taken into serious consideration by the review committee.

Budget Information: See *Budget Page* on the separate Student Application Form file. Also note:

- **Student Fellowships** (maximum \$300 *per project*, not per student if multiple students are listed) are not to be requested as part of the application budget. Rather, grant awardees will be eligible for fellowships as recommended by the faculty sponsor prior to SRCA Day, and paid following participation in SRCA Day.
- **Faculty sponsors** will receive \$300 fellowships or travel/supply/book awards for each project sponsored (maximum of two); *for projects with multiple faculty sponsors, the award will be split between sponsors*. These awards will be requested when student fellowship recommendations are made (see above).

This program does NOT fund:

- Research projects that are part of a regular course (independent study or internship projects *are* eligible).
- Training courses, workshops, etc. or travel to attend and/or present at conferences/meetings (only travel to *conduct* the research is allowed).
- Work that has been completed prior to award notification. (Grants will be awarded only for work that is to be undertaken during the timeline period specified in the Project Description.)
- Project dissemination, including travel to attend and/or present at conferences/meetings. The Student Travel for Excellence Program (STEP) provides support for students to travel to academic and co-curricular conferences, programs, and activities; and the D’Antonio Undergraduate Student Travel Fund supports student travel to professional conferences/meetings, with a preference to students presenting independent projects.
- Proposals that do not specifically follow the instructions and format described in the Guidelines/Application Instructions/Forms.

Other Considerations:

- Applications will be reviewed primarily on: [a] clarity and completeness of the Project Description, [b] quality of the research proposed, [c] potential of the project to be carried out and completed by the student(s), [d] evidence of student-authored proposal, [e] demonstrated commitment/support of the faculty sponsor(s), [f] the learning experience for the student, and [g] compliance with guidelines and instructions.
- *Projects that include surveys, interviews, or other tools related to research that engages human subjects must include sample questions as an addendum to the proposal.*
- Proposals must be written to a generally educated ‘lay’ audience; do not use discipline-specific jargon that may not be understandable to reviewers from outside the relevant discipline. If use of such jargon is absolutely necessary, it must be clearly defined in lay terms at first use.
- Applicants are advised to carefully proofread their proposal prior to submission; applications with excessive typos, grammatical errors, etc. will not be competitive; be sure to define acronyms at first use.
- The Committee on Research reserves the right to contact student applicants and/or their faculty sponsors with questions regarding the contents of applications prior to award decision.
- Successful applicants and their faculty sponsors will be required to sign a Terms of Award Agreement (accepting fiscal responsibility) and **be RCR-compliant prior to accessing awarded funds.**
- Grant awards are not transferable to students other than the original applicant(s) without approval of the Committee on Research.
- Publication/presentation of the work must carry the names of both the student awardee(s) and faculty sponsor(s), *and* acknowledge the grant program and support from the College at Oneonta Foundation and the SUNY Oneonta Alumni Association.

SUBMISSION: Use required FORMS – **Student Application Form** (to be submitted by the student applicant[s]), and **Faculty Sponsor Form** (to be submitted *separately* by a faculty sponsor) – available on the Committee on Research website. **Email completed application as file attachment(s) [PDF or Word] to Kathy Meeker** no later than the **March 19th 5:00 PM** deadline.

Student Application and Faculty Sponsor Forms must be submitted separately by the deadline.

If you have questions about the eligibility of your project, specific budget items or other issues, please email the Committee on Research at research.comm@oneonta.edu.

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*Examples of previously funded Student Grant projects
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