



2017 College at Oneonta Foundation Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creative Activity

Purpose

To recognize and honor outstanding SUNY Oneonta students who conduct high-quality independent research and creative activity projects, the College at Oneonta Foundation (CF) awards prizes of \$300 to up to five individual students who present work at Student Research & Creative Activity (SRCA) Day. A \$100 prize will also be awarded to the faculty sponsor of each of the student prize winners; and a \$100 prize will be awarded to student nominee finalists receiving an Honorable Mention.

Nominations from across the disciplines will be considered through a review process (see timeline), and 10-12 nominated students will be selected as finalists. Each finalist will make a brief oral presentation during the 2017 SRCA Day on April 12 to a panel of judges comprised of three faculty emeriti, who will rank the nominees and select the prize winners.

Student Eligibility

- Students working solely on projects conducted as part of a class or coursework are not eligible; independent study or internship projects ARE eligible.
- Only individual students recommended by a faculty sponsor will be considered.
- For projects with more than one student author, the student nominee's individual contributions to the project must be clearly articulated in the faculty nomination.
- Student finalists must be present at SRCA Day and be available to a team of adjudicators to be eligible for consideration (specific times will be arranged in advance).

Review Criteria

- Confirmation that the student nominee's project is independent, and the level of independence of the candidate to the work
- Individual contribution of the student nominee, if project includes other student co-authors
- Novelty of the candidate's work/contribution to the field
- Student's oral communication skills

Review Process / Timeline

March 22	SRCA Day abstracts due.
March 29	Faculty nominations due, to be submitted online .
By April 3	Following eligibility screening by the Grants Development Office, nominations are reviewed and ranked by a committee of faculty (Committee on Research) and staff, and award finalists are chosen (from the full field of nominees) and notified. Abstracts and faculty nominations of finalists are sent to the team of judges in advance of SRCA Day.
April 12	SRCA Day – finalists are available for presentation to judges (brief oral presentation and informal Q&A); specific times will be established in advance.
April 13	Outcome is reported to Committee on Research; finalists and faculty sponsors are notified.
April 26	Up to five winning projects are presented by student award recipients at a Convivium luncheon, Otsego Grille, Morris Conference Center at noon.
May 3	Up to five award recipients (winners) will be recognized at the annual Academic Achievement Awards reception.