

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
SPRING 2020 APPLICATION
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP and INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT
(URS and International Research Grant for Undergraduates in Arts and Sciences)

Application Checklist:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Project proposal
- ☐ Recommendation from your faculty project

INSTRUCTIONS

Where to Submit:

Email to braund.11@osu.edu

Submission Deadline:

Monday, February 3, 2020 (before 5:00 p.m.)

Eligibility Criteria:

You must be an undergraduate enrolled in a major program in the College of Arts and Sciences. (Please note: Arts majors working on a creative or research project should apply for the Arts Undergraduate Research Scholarship rather than the general URS available through this application. Arts students seeking an International Research Grant (IRG), however, must submit this application to apply for an International Research Grant.)

You must plan to be a candidate for graduation with research distinction or with honors research distinction or plan to complete an equivalent research project (for URS funding only). Preference will be given to projects that will result in an undergraduate thesis.

You must have attained junior standing at the time of the award (for URS funding only). Students who will receive their bachelor's degrees at the conclusion of the current Spring Semester are not eligible for either the URS or the IRG.

Amount of Award:

Undergraduate Research Scholarship (URS) Funding:

Awards generally range from \$500 to \$12,000 and are applied toward university tuition and fees (your statement of account) for the 2020-2021 academic year. Any amount remaining after university fees have been paid will go directly to you at the beginning of each funding term, except as noted in the next section, "Funding Conditions." Awards will be determined based on merit review criteria.

International Research Grant for Undergraduates (IRG) Funding:

Students may apply for up to \$4,000 for student support. Funds will generally be provided for one student per research project. The Research Scholarships Subcommittee of the Arts and Sciences

Honors Committee will determine the level of funding for each grant awarded, as well as the number of awards to be distributed based on merit review criteria. Special attention will be paid to the appropriateness and value of the educational experience for the student participant.

Funding Conditions:

By federal law, no student can be awarded aid in an amount which exceeds the estimated cost of attendance as established by Student Financial Aid. Therefore, for example, if you are already receiving a complete financial aid package (i.e., your tuition, fees, room, and board are covered by some combination of scholarships, grants, and loans), the research scholarship will substitute for some portion of that aid with no net increase of funds to you. An exception to this rule is allowable only for legitimate out-of-pocket expenses related to your research. If you have such expenses associated with the project and you are already receiving aid up to the cost of attendance limit, you may submit a Cost of Attendance Appeal to request that [Student Financial Aid](#) consider increasing your cost of attendance. (Costs associated with the project that are borne by the student represent a financial commitment to the research, and it is that commitment which may justify additional assistance to students currently receiving other scholarships and/or loans.)

Note: Both the URS and IRG are merit awards designed to defray the cost of the student researcher's education. Awards are directed to your statement of account and will first be applied to cover university fees (tuition, etc.). Therefore, if you are involved with research that requires a significant financial commitment (lab expenses, equipment, travel, etc.), we encourage you to discuss and, if applicable, set up an agreement with your project advisor that details how you may pay for such expenses.

International Travel Conditions: Travel Warning Policy:

The health, safety and security of students and faculty traveling abroad is a top priority at Ohio State. So that every Buckeye who wants to gain valuable international experience through study abroad, research, field work, internships or volunteer opportunities is able to do so safely, Ohio State has developed a travel risk rating for every country as well as specific regions of the world.

The scale puts in place a tiered risk level for countries and regions and defines parameters for travel. The system is based on guidance from numerous resources: U.S. Department of State, Drum Cussac, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control. When assigning a risk rating to a country or region, Ohio State also may factor in additional criteria from government, insurance and in-country resources. These resources are weighted by Ohio State so the university's tiered scale may not be comparable to the risk ratings of other organizations.

Updates to the risk designations will be posted at the beginning of each month, however Ohio State may make immediate adjustments if conditions in a country change significantly. Travelers should always monitor advisories for their intended location by registering in the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

The International Travel Policy Committee (ITPC), appointed by the provost, develops guidelines and policies to maintain the health and safety of Ohio State students, faculty and staff studying abroad or conducting research or business in another country. The committee is also responsible for conducting a risk assessment for students planning to study in risk designated countries and provides approval (in consultation with the provost) for university-related travel to these locations. The ITPC approval process evaluates the academic value of travel balanced with the current health, safety and security conditions of the intended destination.

Risk Designations:

- Tier 5: Undergraduate student travel is restricted
- Tier 4: Individual undergraduate student and extracurricular travel is restricted
- Tier 3: Individual undergraduate student travel is limited and requires submission of an ITPC Risk Assessment for review and consensus of the ITPC committee. The risk assessment must include a statement of purpose and articulate relevancy of travel to the country to specific academic objectives. Due to the diversity of the security profiles of countries in this category, there may be significant variation in approved opportunities between locations
- Tier 2: Individual undergraduate travel requires submission of an International Risk Management Itinerary Review listing all travel destinations in the country. Travel may be restricted or limited to specific regions. Objections to the risk management evaluation will require completion of an ITPC Risk Assessment and is subject to review and consensus of the ITPC committee.
- Tier 1: Travelers should not assume that travel to Tier 1 destinations is devoid of risk. Hazards such as inadequate medical facilities, ongoing demonstrations and exposure to tropical diseases do not necessarily result in a country being assigned to a higher tier. Travelers to these countries are still advised to read the country specific information at the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory and CDC destination profile prior to travel.

More information about travel to risk-designated countries can be found at <https://oia.osu.edu/application-and-policies/travel-to-risk-designated-countries.html>. For further information on the policy and/or the petition process, please contact Dru Simmons (simmons.541@osu.edu), international risk manager, Office of Risk Management and Insurance. If your research proposal includes travel to a risk-designated country (see link above), you may be ineligible to receive a URS or IRG award.

Supplemental International Insurance:

Ohio State students traveling to international locations for the purpose of study abroad, undergraduate or graduate/dissertation research, internships, or independent study are required to enroll in the university's supplemental international insurance which is provided through HTH Worldwide. The insurance includes coverage for medical, medical evacuation, repatriation, emergency assistance, and political insecurity and natural disaster evacuation. Students participating in study abroad programming coordinated through the Office of International Affairs are automatically enrolled in the supplemental international insurance. Students who are traveling abroad independently should enroll online for the supplemental insurance. For instructions: <https://oia.osu.edu/health-and-safety/traveler-insurance/applying-online.html> If your research proposal includes international travel, your award will be contingent on your enrollment in Ohio State's supplemental international insurance.

Other Funding:

If you have applied for or received any other funding for this project, the following information is required: semester(s), amount, type of other funding; how the funding was/will be used; and how additional funding will help you to complete the project.

URS Enrollment Conditions:

You must be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) during the semesters in which you receive funding, although part-time enrollment with a heavy research emphasis may be allowable by special exception. Approved exceptions will typically result in a reduction in the amount of your award

based on the number of credit hours for which you are actually enrolled. Exceptions to the full-time enrollment requirement must be approved by the Director of the Arts and Sciences Honors Program. Please email Dr. Lindsey Chamberlain (chamberlain.55@osu.edu) if you have questions about this policy.

Method of Selection:

Applications, proposals, and letters of recommendation are reviewed by the Research Scholarships Subcommittee of the Arts and Sciences Honors Committee. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the amount of funds available. Awards will be determined based on merit review criteria. Applicants will be notified of the results of the competition by mid-April.

URS Project Report:

A two-page, double-spaced mid-project progress report is due to the ASC Honors Office no later than October 21, 2020, and is required for release of the spring semester 2021 stipend. This report may be e-mailed to Dr. Lindsey Chamberlain at chamberlain.55@osu.edu.

URS Thesis Application:

If you have not yet entered candidacy for graduation with research distinction or with honors research distinction but intend to do so, please be sure to submit your thesis application as soon as possible. Students pursuing the research thesis option leading to graduation with research distinction should visit <https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising-academics/graduation> and/or contact Ed Quinn in ASC Advising. You may call (614) 292-6961 to arrange an appointment with Mr. Quinn. Students in the ASC Honors Program should visit <https://aschonors.osu.edu/honors/research-thesis> and/or contact an honors advisor in the Arts and Sciences Honors Office. You may call (614) 292-5104 to arrange an appointment with an honors advisor. The thesis must be submitted to the University Libraries Knowledge Bank no later than the end of the term in which the student will graduate.

Presentation of Research:

Students who receive funding are expected to *apply* to present their research at the [Denman Undergraduate Research Forum](#) that will occur in February 2020 OR the [Spring Undergraduate Research Festival](#) that will occur in March 2020 OR another applicable forum in their discipline. Please email Dr. Lindsey Chamberlain (chamberlain.55@osu.edu) if you have questions about this policy.

Project Advisor:

The project advisor must be a faculty member at The Ohio State University.

The Project Proposal:

Because most applicants are of comparable promise and ability, the quality and significance of the research project are decisive factors. Consequently, you should pay close attention to the following project proposal guidelines.

1. Select a research topic which you and your faculty project advisor believe can be completed within the period in which the scholarship is tendered. In the case of the URS, this typically means that you should be able to complete the project by the end of spring semester 2021. Elaborate proposals with questionable timetables will not be viewed favorably.

2. Prepare a project proposal of not more than 5 typewritten double-spaced pages, a maximum of 1,250 words. Neither the bibliography nor figures will count against the page/word limit, but please be judicious about the overall length of your proposal.

This proposal must include the following:

- the motivation and context for the proposed research, including a discussion of related scholarship in the discipline and any work that you have undertaken so far;
- a clear statement of your research question and the general significance of the project;
- a concise summary of the methodology to be used in the research;
- the expected outcomes;
- plans for forthcoming presentations and/or publications (if applicable); and
- a bibliography.

Be sure to consult your project advisor for the appropriate way to organize your proposal within your field of study.

Your proposal also should include information concerning your background in the project field and a statement concerning any arrangements that have been made to obtain or use special equipment or other resources required for the project.

3. Your proposal will be in competition with proposals from many other fields throughout the arts and sciences and will be judged by a small faculty panel which may not include a specialist in your field. Therefore, you should write the proposal for a non-specialist audience and attempt to state your proposal and its significance in relatively non-technical terms. It is recommended that you define all acronyms and limit the use of (or be sure to explain) discipline-specific terminology or jargon.

4. Because the project is to be carried out in close cooperation with your project advisor, the proposal should be written in consultation with the faculty member who will serve as the project advisor and write the official Project Advisor Recommendation.

5. Responsible Research Practice Approvals

- If your research involves human subjects, be sure to work with your advisor to obtain any necessary approvals from the OSU Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB) before you begin research activities. Please allow applicable time for IRB approval if necessary. If your project will require IRB review, please attach documentation (such as a submission confirmation e-mail) demonstrating that you have submitted your project for IRB review. (You do not have to have the results of the review before you apply for this scholarship/grant, but you must have begun the approval process.)
- If your research involves animal subjects, be sure to work with your advisor to obtain any necessary approvals from the OSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) before you begin research activities. Please allow applicable time for IACUC approval if necessary. If your project will require IACUC review, please attach documentation (such as a submission confirmation e-mail) demonstrating that you have submitted your project for IACUC review. (You do not have to have the results of the review before you apply for this scholarship/grant, but you must have begun the approval process.)

For additional information or assistance regarding IRB or IACUC approval, you may contact the Office of Responsible Research Practices at OSU (orrp.osu.edu).

Project Advisor Recommendation:

Project Advisor Recommendations can be found at:
aschonors.osu.edu/opportunities/scholarships/undergrad.

You should be certain to have your faculty project advisor complete and return the form via email to braund.11@osu.edu by February 3, 2020. The importance of the faculty recommendation cannot be overemphasized. As highly competitive students, most applicants will present evidence of academic aptitude and achievement. Therefore, the committee will need to base its decision at least partly on the potential value of the project for the student. The interest and concern of the faculty member, and his/her assessment of the student and the project, often will be decisive.

Additional Information:

Examples of successful project proposals from the past several years are on file in the Arts and Sciences Honors Office, 3180 Smith Lab, and are available for examination during regular business hours. For additional information, please see Frequently Asked Questions About the URS and IRG at <http://aschonors.osu.edu/opportunities/scholarships/undergrad/faq>. Contact: For further information about the Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship or International Research Grant, please contact Dr. Lindsey Chamberlain Director, Arts and Sciences Honors Office (chamberlain.55@osu.edu).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020 (before 5:00 p.m.)

☐ I am applying for an **Undergraduate Research Scholarship (URS)** *only*.
☐ I am applying for an **International Research Grant** for Undergraduates in Arts and Sciences (IRG) *only*.
☐ I am applying for **both awards** (URS **and** IRG).

Date_____

- If yes, in both the proposal and recommendation, you and your project advisor should address the issue of the degree of project independence involved.**

11. Does data collection for this project involve human subjects? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach documentation of approvals or (at minimum) submission of project for IRB review (e.g., attach a submission confirmation e-mail).

Does data collection for this project involve animal subjects? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach documentation of approvals or (at minimum) submission of project for IACUC review (e.g., attach a submission confirmation e-mail).

If yes, please be sure to familiarize yourself with IRB or IACUC protocols and obtain the necessary approvals before you begin your research activities.

12. To receive URS funding, you must be enrolled full time (minimum 12 hours) during the semester you receive funding.

Requests for special exceptions must be directed to the Director of the Arts and Sciences Honors Program.

☐ I understand that I must be enrolled full time during the semester I receive funding to receive a URS award.

13. Have you applied for or received any other funding to support your work on this project? ☐ Yes* ☐ No

If yes, what type of funding have you applied for or received and when? How much will/did you receive?

*If the answer to item 13 is “yes,” be sure to address any previous or additional funding in your proposal. Include information regarding when (terms and years) and for how much (total dollar amount) your work on the project was funded; how the funding was or will be used; and how additional funding will help you to complete your project.

14. Do you intend to travel outside of the United States for a purpose related to your research project (e.g., to conduct your research, to attend or present at a conference, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where and when do you plan to travel (approximate dates are sufficient)?

15. Please ask the Ohio State faculty member who will supervise your project to forward the Project Advisor Recommendation (available at <http://aschonors.osu.edu/opportunities/scholarships/undergrad>) to, braund.11@osu.edu February 3,2020 (before 5:00 p.m.).
16. **IRG applicants ONLY:** Please attach a budget listing expenses you expect to incur for your research- related travel. Please be as specific as possible.