

FCCS Undergraduate Student Research Award

Application Deadline: January 30, 4 PM

Decisions made by February 28

The Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies Undergraduate Research Awards (URA) provide undergraduate students support to engage in research and creation activities over the summer months, from May 1 to August 31. The award is meant to encourage undergraduate students who are enrolled in a major in FCCS B.A. or B.F.A. programs (English, Cultural Studies, Art History and Visual Culture, French, Spanish, Creative Writing, Visual Arts and Interdisciplinary Performance, or Combined Majors) to pursue innovative and original research under the supervision of one or more FCCS faculty members. These awards are given to students who have completed 63 credits of undergraduate course work by January 1, 2018 and who have declared their major.

Value:

The amount of each award is a \$2500 stipend. There are two awards available.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the awards students must:

- Be registered full-time in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, or an international student with a valid study permit for the full summer work term
- Intend to be enrolled at UBC's Okanagan campus as a full-time undergraduate student in the fall semester directly following the completion of the research project
- Be able to devote a substantial period of time over the summer to the research project, ensuring that summer courses or working at other employment does not detract from serious engagement in the project.
- Have a supervisor in the Faculty who is willing to offer support over the summer with the student and who will provide a report to the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at the end of the project assessing its success.

Non-eligibility:

- Students who have previously received an FCCS Undergraduate Student Research Award

Eligible Expenses: Note, the research award is a stipend and students will receive that amount paid in installments over the summer. However, students should present a budget if the proposal is for projects that involve expenses such as travel or materials; this budget helps the committee assess the feasibility of the project.

- Materials for creative projects (e.g., wood, metal, paint, fabric, costumes, honoraria for performers, printing, or reproduction costs).
- Expenses related to travel for research activities (e.g., archival or exploratory research, performances, interviews) – airfare or ground travel (UBC rate 49 cents per km), photocopies, long distance phone calls, other research-related costs.

Non-eligible Expenses:

- Equipment already available through the Faculty (e.g., computers, software, recording equipment, visual art equipment such as cameras, printers, woodshop and metalshop equipment).
- Conference attendance (Note: there is an undergraduate student travel award available through the Research Office-- <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/provost-research/internal.html>).
- Residency or workshop attendance.

Application Procedures:

Students wishing to apply must be associated with a faculty member from one of the Departments in FCCS. The faculty member must agree to be your primary supervisor and be able to provide mentorship over the entire period of the grant.

Only one application per student will be accepted. Only complete applications will be accepted and the applications must be accompanied by the appropriate signatures (see application form).

Criteria:

The Research Policy and Development Committee of FCCS will consider the following criteria when reviewing applications:

- Originality and innovation

- Merit of research and impact in field of study (priority is given to research in our four core research areas: <http://fcss.ok.ubc.ca/research.html>)
- Strength of research proposal
- Feasibility of research proposal in time period outlined
- Quality of the proposal—writing style and correctness, professional presentation, clarity and logic
- Past academic achievement-- transcripts must be attached to your application- unofficial copies are acceptable)

Research Ethics:

If the research requires Research Ethics approval, this approval must be obtained before the funds are released.

Project Completion and Final Reporting:

The project must be completed no later than August 15, with a final report and project documentation submitted to the supervisor no later than August 31. The supervisor will submit this report, documentation of the project and his or her assessment of the activities to the Research Policy and Development Committee by September 15. FCCS may ask that this report and/or other documentation about the research project be showcased on our website.