



Introduction. The PC Undergraduate Research Committee's (PC-URC) Summer Undergraduate Research Grant program provides funding for stipends and research expenses in order for students to conduct research and creative projects on- or off-campus* for up to 10 weeks during the summer under the guidance of a faculty mentor**. The program is intended to promote academic excellence and engaged learning opportunities for students. Because research and creative activity are common in all fields of study, the committee encourages applications from all disciplines.

The Benefits of Undergraduate Research. Students who participate in undergraduate research:

- develop a one-on-one mentoring relationship with a Providence College faculty member;
- engage in the creation and application of new knowledge to the real-world;
- acquire a deeper understanding of their respective academic discipline;
- enhance critical communication skills, independent thinking, creativity and problem-solving, and;
- enhance academic credentials to support applications for scholarships, awards, career employment and entry into graduate and professional schools.

Student Eligibility. Summer Undergraduate Research Grants are open to all full-time PC undergraduates who will have sophomore, junior, or senior status in the fall of 2018. May 2018 graduates are not eligible. Applicants must be in good academic standing.

Funding and Stipends. Students who are awarded a PC-URC Summer Undergraduate Research Grant will receive a stipend of \$400 per week for up to 10 weeks. The student must indicate in the application the length of the proposed research project. Faculty who oversee one or more student projects will be provided with one \$500 stipend, no matter the number of students mentored through this program. Faculty members who are already fully supported by other internal and/or external sources are not eligible for this stipend.

In addition, students may apply for up to \$500 to cover the cost of research-related expenses. Items that may be funded (if not already supported through other sources) include:

- General, lab, or media supplies, or other expendable materials related to research
- Archival copying, photocopying, printing, postage, telephone or communication expenses
- Software, data sets, books, and small equipment, if necessary to conduct research and otherwise unavailable
- Travel to libraries, archives, museums, field or research sites, laboratories, research centers, or approved educational institutions to conduct research

Grant Requirements. All grant recipients are required to submit a brief final report detailing how funds were used and/or the results of their research project by September 1, 2018. In addition, students must contribute a poster or oral presentation on their research at a campus-wide undergraduate research forum.

Application Procedure.

1. Students must complete the 2018 Summer Undergraduate Research Grant application online: <https://sponsoredresearch.wufoo.com/forms/summer-undergraduate-research-grant/>. Applications must be submitted by the end of the day on March 15, 2018. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted or reviewed.**
2. Mentors must email a statement of support to undergraduate.research@providence.edu. The statement should attest that the mentor was given the opportunity to review the student's final application (the project description, mentoring plan, and research budget) and that s/he agrees to supervise the project as described.

Award Timeline. Award announcements will be made by early April. Student stipends will begin in early-to-mid June 2018. Earlier start dates cannot be accommodated. Approved supplies and expenses can also be purchased/reimbursed beginning in early June. Faculty stipends will be included in the first payroll period of the fiscal year.

For more information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Van Reet, PC-URC Chair (undergraduate.research@providence.edu).

*Summer housing will be available on-campus at the rate of \$100 per week for students who participate in this program.

**Only full-time, tenured or tenure-track PC faculty members may serve as faculty mentors for summer grant recipients.