



Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURFs)

<http://our.unc.edu/students/funding-opportunities/fellowships/surf/>

All currently enrolled UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate students in good academic standing who will graduate after November 2016 and who wish to engage in undergraduate research, scholarship or performance for at least 9 weeks, with a minimum 20 hours/week, between May and August are eligible to apply. Students must be enrolled the semester before (spring) and the semester after (fall) completion of the SURF.

The projects must be carried out under the supervision of a UNC-Chapel Hill faculty research advisor, and additional collaboration with a postdoctoral fellow or graduate student mentor is encouraged. Each student may submit only ONE SURF application per year.

Students who have received a SURF award in previous years are not eligible to apply. SURF recipients may not accept a Burch Fellowship, NASA grant, or other significant funding for the same summer.

We expect to make at least 60 individual awards of \$3,000 each. Selected students will receive \$2,000 at the start of the summer, and the remainder of the award after they have submitted the required final materials and the materials are approved by OUR.

There are four required parts of the SURF application:

- On-Line Application
- Proposal: 1200 words, submitted via email as .pdf
- Faculty advisor letter of support: submitted via email as .pdf
- Official UNC Transcript: deliver to OUR in Graham Memorial Room 221

All four parts of the application must be received by 4pm on the due date posted on-line for the Spring semester (typically mid-late February).

You may request the support of a SURF Peer Writing Advisor via the webpage.

A multidisciplinary faculty committee will meet to select the SURF recipients based on the written application and the faculty research advisor's recommendation letter. The committee will assess each proposal based on the criteria described in the SURF rubric available on the OUR webpage (see <https://our.unc.edu/files/2013/01/SURF-Rubric.pdf>). Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by April 1.