

# Undergraduate Summer Research Awards

## Department of Integrative Biology

### Details

1. Grants and research must be sponsored by a faculty member. Students must be actively working with a faculty member with at least a 50%-time appointment in the Department of Integrative Biology.
2. Awards will generally be for \$1,500-\$4,000, with the number of awards depending on the available funds each year. Funds can be used for expenditures, such as equipment and travel expenses, and for stipends to support the undergraduate student during the research project. The proposal must provide a clear justification of the funds requested.
3. Students must enroll for at least 2 independent research credits (**Zoology 681, 682, 691, 692, or 699**) under the section number of the faculty member serving as sponsor. Enrollment can be concurrent with the research phase of the project (summer) or when results are written up (fall).
4. The application deadline is **March 1**. Applications should be emailed to Catherine Auger ([cauger@wisc.edu](mailto:cauger@wisc.edu)) as a single PDF file.

### Applications must include:

1. A coversheet with the heading "Undergraduate Summer Research Awards" listing (in this order):
  - applicant's name
  - student ID number
  - email address
  - current level (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)
  - expected graduation date
  - state/country of legal residence
  - faculty sponsor
  - dates between which the research will be performed
  - total amount of funds requested
2. A research proposal written by the student in collaboration with a faculty sponsor. The research proposal is limited to 5 pages of double-spaced text excluding references and figures.
3. A proposed budget for supplies, travel expenses, and stipend. A detailed budget justification should be provided.
4. A list of current and pending support, such as Hilldale applications. The candidate is responsible for informing Cathy Auger if pending proposals are funded.
5. Most recent academic transcript (can be unofficial).
6. A letter of support from the faculty sponsor commenting on the student's abilities, the scientific merit of the proposal, and the participation of the faculty sponsor in developing the research proposal. It is important for the Awards Committee to know whether the proposed research will indeed be independent. The letter must have a separate section on the proposed budget, specifically addressing the availability of other funds for the student.

All applicants will be evaluated together on merit, and assignment of different funds will be determined following evaluation. Applications will be judged by the Awards Committee on the basis of the scientific quality of the proposed research and the potential of the undergraduate to complete the proposed research successfully. Applicants will not be penalized for proposing to work in well-funded research labs. Given the competition for limited funds, the Awards Committee will try to make awards in a way that encourages independent research experiences for undergraduates.