Undergraduate Research in the Sciences Award

Call for Applications

The purpose of the Fund for Undergraduate Research is to provide opportunities for undergraduates to conduct research under the mentorship of faculty in the Division of Physical & Biological Sciences during the academic year 2013-14. These awards are for all undergraduates and may support any expenses associated with research.

Award Amounts
This year a total of $15,000 will be distributed among ten to twenty undergraduate students. At the direction and discretion of the Dean of Physical & Biological Sciences, 5 to 10 awards will be available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with amounts ranging from $1,000 to $2,000. In addition, 10 awards of $500 will be available to freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors for research projects they conduct or the presentation of results from original research. These funds will be allocated to the students and/or laboratory in which the research will be conducted according to the budget prepared by the applicant.

How the Funds May Be Used
Recipients may use their award for any purpose associated with conducting or presenting the results of their research.

Eligibility
All current undergraduates with majors in the Division of Physical & Biological Sciences are invited to apply. The faculty mentor can be in either a teaching or research position but must come from the Division of Physical & Biological Sciences.

Selection Criteria
Academic and scientific merit is the primary criterion for selection.

Selection Process
Recipients will be chosen by a committee of faculty affiliated with each department in the Division of Physical & Biological Sciences, appointed by Department Chairs.

Application Procedure
Students are invited to fill out the attached application, including a description of the research project and a proposed budget, with the approval of a faculty mentor. The completed application packet must be submitted to Heather Grimes (hgrimes@ucsc.edu) in the Sciences Development Office on or before 8AM on Monday, October the 28th, 2013.

Awards Decision
Awards will be announced no later than November 13, 2013.