Undergraduate Research Awards

The English Department’s Undergraduate Research Awards support English majors and minors whose ongoing scholarly or creative work requires travel or short-term residence outside of Rochester. The awards are granted on a competitive basis and typically provide each recipient with between $500 and $1000 to help offset the cost of

- traveling to scholarly conferences or film festivals
- conducting research in archives or libraries
- participating in writers’ institutes
- attending intensive language programs abroad

After award recipients return to campus, we expect that they will submit a short written description (at least two pages in length) of their research experience and participate in an informal discussion with other students who are interested in learning more about undergraduate research opportunities sponsored by the English department.

Application forms are available below and at 404 Morey Hall. The form asks that you describe how an Undergraduate Research Award would support your current research, and how that research fits into your ongoing scholarly or creative work as an English major or minor. The form also asks that you submit a letter of recommendation from one member of the English department faculty; that letter should evaluate both the strength of your research plan and your ability to successfully complete that research.

We review applications three times each academic year.

*Please note that our Undergraduate Research Awards cannot be used solely to fund travel to or attendance at programs for which students will receive University of Rochester credit or transfer credit; we do, however, fund research projects that emerge from such programs.*
Application Form

A. Applicant Information

Name _____________________________ Class of _________________
Campus Address ________________________________________________
Permanent Address ________________________________________________
Email _____________________________ Phone _______________________ 
Track in English major (circle the one that applies)  
- English Literature
- Creative Writing
- Language, Media, Communication
- Theater

Track in English minor (circle the one that applies)  
- English Literature
- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- Theater

Dates of travel or residence ________________________  Amount requested __________

B. How would an Undergraduate Research Award support your current research? Please be very specific about your plans.

C. How does that research fit into your ongoing scholarly or creative work as an English major or minor? Please describe precisely how the research supported by this award will contribute to your immediate and long-term goals.
D. Please ask one member of the English department faculty to submit a letter of recommendation. Their letter should evaluate both the strength of your research plan and your ability to successfully complete that research.

*Please remember that we require all grant recipients to submit a short written description (at least two pages in length) of their research experience after they return to campus. We also invite grant recipients to participate in an informal discussion with students who are interested in learning more about undergraduate research in the English department.*

Signature _______________________________ Date _______________

Please submit your completed application to

Department of English
404 Morey Hall
University of Rochester
Rochester, NY 14627
Attn: Undergraduate Studies Committee