

2021-2022 Student Research & Creative Endeavors Grant Guidelines

Maximum Grant Amount:

Undergraduate: \$500

Graduate: \$800

Students may receive the award only once per academic year. Preference is given to students who have not been previously funded under this grant program.

Application Requirements

Semester Deadlines:

Fall: October 18, 2021

Spring: February 21, 2022

Authorship:

Applicant must be a student currently enrolled at CMU. The proposal should reflect the student's original work.

University Review Board Approval Evidence:

Applicants with a project involving any of the following groups must provide the approval or determination of exemption email from the appropriate committee.

- Institutional Review Board (IRB): Research involving humans
- Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC): Research involving non-human vertebrate animals, cuttlefish, equid, octopi, or modification of habitat to evaluate the impact to these groups
- Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC): Research involving recombinant DNA

Proposal Structure:

Organize your proposal using the section headings below so the committee can easily follow the proposal. Remember that committee members are from diverse disciplines, so projects should avoid technical language and be understandable to a general audience. A proposal should be no more than 10 double-spaced pages (no less than 12-point font) not including the bibliography.

Project-Specific Sections:

Research Project

- **Research Problem:** State your research problem. Explain the significance/importance of your project including a summary of any literature you may have read on the topic.
- **Project Design:** Describe the overall design of your project. What are you going to do? How and where will you do it? Who will be involved? Explain how you will analyze your data.

Creative Project

- **Project Summary:** Summarize your project. What do you propose to do?
- **Background Information:** Describe where you got your ideas. Briefly describe, citing appropriate sources you may have read, a) the major contributions to the tradition, and b) the relationship of your work to the tradition.
- **Social, Cultural, Philosophical Issues:** What, if any, underlying social, cultural, or philosophical issues will the work express?

Additional Sections for all Projects:

- **Budget:** Although the maximum grant is limited to \$500 (undergraduate) or \$800 (graduate), each application must include an itemized list of the COMPLETE funding necessary to complete the project. Attach a brief budget justification explaining each item in your budget and indicate any budget items supported from another source (e.g., your college, department, grants, personal funds, etc). Eligible Expenses: questionnaire printing, postage, copying costs, chemicals, supplies, project-related travel. Ineligible Expenses: meals, wages for the applicant, donations for participation, travel to present project results (there is another grant available for this), thesis/dissertation typing, copying, or binding expenses.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Describe the expected outcomes of the project. What do you hope to achieve and what do you hope to do with the results of the project (e.g., publication, exhibition, presentation)?

Faculty Advisor & Department Chair Approval:

Applications must have a faculty advisor or thesis/dissertation chair signature and signature from the department chair or program director.

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Academic Honesty:

As a student of Central Michigan University, applicants are participating in a community of scholarship based on the values of honesty, respect, fairness, and responsibility. Applicants are expected to adhere to the CMU policies on academic integrity stipulated in the CMU Bulletin. In all academic work, applicants must adhere to the highest standards of integrity. Applicants must not cheat, plagiarize, or receive inappropriate assistance in completion of this grant application and project. Failure to adhere to standards of academic integrity may result in forfeiture of grant funding.

Grant Recipient Requirements

Funding & Reimbursement:

Funding for this student grant award will be transferred to the 4-account of the student's department. The department will then determine whether charges can be made directly to the 4-account or if the student must incur expenses personally and be reimbursed by the department. This grant cannot be used to reimburse the faculty member's internal or external grant for a student's expenses (travel, supplies, etc.). Any equipment purchased with this funding will remain CMU property after completion of the project. Students may be taxed on their reimbursement, especially travel reimbursement. Please contact Payroll (Warriner 204, 774-3481) with any tax questions. If you are a non-resident alien, there may be treaty benefits available. Contact Payroll to complete the necessary paperwork. Funds remaining after one year from the award date, or if the student graduates or leaves CMU, will revert back to ORGS.

Student Creative & Research Endeavors Exhibition (SCREE) Participation:

Recipients are required to present at SCREE the Spring semester after the award. Recipients are not automatically entered into SCREE; it is the responsibility of the student to register for the exhibition.

Failure of the student to present at SCREE will result in the faculty member be ineligible to have a student apply for these funds for a period of three years from the missed deadline.

Any publications using data generated from this project must acknowledge the Office of Research and Graduate Studies at Central Michigan University as a funding source.

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