Fellowship Info

Description.
2023 EURēCA! Summer Fellows Application

Application Deadline: Monday, March 13, 2023, 11:59 pm MT
Funding Period: June 2 - July 29, 2023
Summer Research Symposium: Friday, July 28, 2023

The EURēCA! Summer Fellows program is a highly competitive summer research program that provides a small number of CU Denver undergraduates with stipend support to conduct original research, creative, or other scholarly activities in collaboration with a CU Denver | Anschutz faculty mentor. These eight-week fellowships last through June and July and include weekly professional development training, cohort meetups, and other learning opportunities. The EURēCA! Fellows program is open to all disciplines.

How it works:

- Students work with their faculty mentor to complete a joint application, including a project proposal and mentoring plan
- Fellowships last 8-weeks (June 2 - July 28, 2023)
- Applicants can request up to 40hrs/week in stipend support (inclusive of all program activities)
- In addition to their research experience, EURēCA! Fellows attend weekly professional development training and cohort meetups
- EURēCA! Fellows present their work to the CU Denver community at the annual Summer Research Symposium

Stipend Levels (total):
40 hrs/week - $5,000
20 hrs/week - $2,500
10 hrs/week - $1,250

Professional Development Training - Fridays 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Topics include: Accessing library resources, how to read an academic paper, research ethics and regulatory bodies, writing an abstract, designing a research poster, presentation skills,
sharing your research with public audiences, identifying your leadership skills, grad school do's and don'ts, networking, and crafting CVs and resumes

Office Hours/ Discussions with URCA Staff - Tuesdays 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

**Application Components**

- Student Info (including [unofficial CU Denver transcript](#))
- Faculty Mentor Info
- Essay: Past Research Experience (250 words)
- Essay: Career Goals (250 words)
- Project Abstract (250 words)
- Project Proposal (500 words)
- [Mentoring Plan](#) (signed by both student and mentor)

**Student Info**

1. **Application Section I: Student Information**

   **Q1. Student First Name**

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   **Q2. Student Last Name**

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   **Q3. CU Denver Student ID # (9-digits)**

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   **Q65. Student CU Employee ID (if previously employed at CU)**

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   **Q4. Student Major**

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Q5. Student Minor

Q6. Student Primary Phone #

Q7. Student CU Denver E-mail

Q8. Student CU Denver GPA

Q9. Student CU Denver Expected Graduation Date

Q10. Upload Unofficial Student Transcript

Click HERE for instructions on accessing your unofficial transcript

Q11. Optional: Your application may be eligible for additional funding sources based on the following criteria. Responses to this section are entirely optional and will not be considered when scoring applications.

- I am Black or African American
- I am Hispanic or Latino/a
- I am Native American
- I am a member of the LGBTQ+ community
- I am a first generation college student (neither parent/legal guardian has received a baccalaureate degree)
- I have a disability
- I have been or currently am experiencing homelessness (Definition: https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/)
I have been or currently am in the foster care system (Definition: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care)

I have been or currently am eligible for Federal Pell grants (Definition: https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/eligibility.html)

I receive support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child (Definition: https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements)

I am not any of the above

I prefer not to answer

Project Info

II. Application Section II: Project Information

Q12. Title of Proposed Summer Project


Q13. Discipline of Project

○ Arts and Media
○ Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine (STEMM)
○ Social Sciences and Humanities
○ Multi-disciplinary
○ Other

Q14. Support Requested

○ $5,000 stipend for 40hrs/week
○ $2,500 stipend for 20 hrs/week
○ $1,250 stipend for 10 hrs/week

Q15. Faculty Mentor First Name


Q16. Faculty Mentor Last Name


Q17. Faculty Mentor Title


Q18. Faculty Mentor Department


Q19. Faculty Mentor CU Denver E-mail


Q20. Past Research Experience (limit 250 words)
Please describe your prior research/scholarly experience(s). What did you find most interesting about the topic(s) you studied?


Q21. Career Goals (limit 250 words)
What are your professional and personal goals 5-10 years from now? How will this experience help you to achieve these goals?


Q22. Project Abstract (limit 250 words):
Broadly describe the project you will be working on this summer. Please make the description comprehensible to a non-expert reader.

For abstract writing tips click HERE.
Q23.

**Project Proposal (500 word limit):**
Provide details of your proposed summer project. Include references that contextualize your topic of interest and justifies the work you intend to do. Be as specific as possible about your role in the project and your duties and responsibilities.

For examples from previously funded URCA proposals click [HERE](#).

Proposals can be submitted in the text box, below, or uploaded as a separate document.
Q24. **Project Proposal (500 word limit):**
If you are uploading your project proposal as a separate document, do so here.

Q25. In preparing your Fellowship application, did you utilize any of the following CU Denver resources?

Check all that apply.

☐ The Writing Center (workshop, appointment, etc)
☐ The Auraria Library (workshop, meeting with Research Librarian, etc)
☐ Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (workshop, met with research advisor, etc)
☐ Faculty mentor previewed application (this is expected as part of submitting a successful and thorough application to the reviewing committee)
☐ None
☐ Other: ______________________

### Regulatory Bodies

**III. Application Section III: Regulatory Bodies**

Undergraduate research, creative, or other scholarly activities that involve human subjects, animal care and/or areas of risk may need permission, waivers, and/or arrangements that comply with University of Colorado Denver policies established by the [Human Subjects Research Committee](#), the [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee](#), and/or the [University of Colorado Office of Risk Management](#).

Faculty mentors are responsible for completing the appropriate forms and following the policies for the research requirements below. These should be completed as soon as possible, so that students have ample time to complete their proposals. Funds will not be released until proof of appropriate approvals has been submitted to [undergrad.research@ucdenver.edu](mailto:undergrad.research@ucdenver.edu).

Q26. Does the proposed activity involve gathering information from human subjects or using data previously obtained from human subjects?
If you are unsure whether your project falls under COMIRB regulations, we suggest attending their virtual office hours or arranging a 1:1 consultation - [https://research.cuanschutz.edu/comirb/home/about-comirb/office-hours](https://research.cuanschutz.edu/comirb/home/about-comirb/office-hours)

Q27. Does the proposed project involve gathering information from animal subjects

- Yes
- No

Q28. Does the proposed project involve any of the following possible CU Denver Risk Management Issues?

- Use of non-university facilities (space, equipment)
- Travel (local, national, or international)
- Minors (less than 18 years old)
- Non-university personnel
- Use of any hazardous radioactive/biological/chemical materials

- Yes
- No

**Mentorship Plan**

**IV. Application Section IV - Mentoring Plan**

An essential aspect and expectation of the EURēCA! Fellows Program is mentorship. This experience should nurture the intellectual and scholarly development of the fellow, which requires active investment from their mentor. Below, please submit the mentoring plan for this fellowship, collaboratively written by the applicant and their faculty mentor.

Please address the following:

- What expectations do you have for one another?
- What expectations do you have for the project? How will you measure progress?
- How will you nurture a structured learning environment (i.e. regular meetings)
- How will you maintain open lines of communication? What will you do if conflict arises?
We recommend using a mentee-mentor contract to structure your conversation. An example from our office can be downloaded HERE.

Q29.
Please submit a PDF of your Mentoring Plan signed by both the mentor and mentee.

Award Terms

V. Application Section V: EURēCA! Fellowship Terms

If your project is selected for funding, the following agreements will be enforced. Type your full name for each statement to indicate you agree to honor their intent.

Q30.
**HOURS** If awarded this fellowship, I agree to work the agreed upon hours per week from June 2- July 28, 2023.

Q31.
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** If awarded this fellowship, I agree to participate in the required Friday professional development trainings each week (full schedule TBA) and understand they count towards my hours/week.

Q32.
**PROJECT PRESENTATION** If awarded this fellowship, I understand that I am required to present at the Summer Research Symposium on Friday, July 28th. I also agree to present my work at RaCAS in April 2024 if I have not graduated yet.
Q33. **ENROLLMENT** If awarded this fellowship, I agree to enroll in a not-for-credit (or for-credit) Experience through the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities and participate in pre- and post-activity assessments.

Q34. **REGULATORY BODIES** I understand that all work involving human subjects needs to be approved by the COMIRB and all work involving vertebrate animal subjects needs to be approved by the IACUC.

Q35. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** I will acknowledge financial support received from the CU Denver Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities in any articles, presentations, exhibits, recitals, etc. that result from this funding.

Q66. Any additional comments/ questions to share?

Q67. Confirm your application is complete, then submit by clicking the final arrows at the lower right.