

Fellowship Info

2024 EURēCA! Summer Fellows Application

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024, 11:59 pm MT

Funding Period: May 31 - July 26, 2024

Summer Research Symposium: Friday, July 26, 2024

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 (May 31 - July 26, 2024)
- 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 trainings, office hours, and cohort meetups
- EURēCA! Fellows present their work to the CU Denver community at the annual Summer Research Symposium ([View Past Project Presentations](#))

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 - 1:30 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 - 2:00 pm

Application Components ([Preview Application Here](#))

- 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)
- Uploaded Project Proposal ([View Example Proposals](#)):
 - Project Description and Objectives (500-700 words)
 - Bibliography (3-10 sources cited in proposal)

- Detailed Project Timeline
- Uploaded [Mentoring Plan](#) (signed by both student and mentor)

Student Info

Application Section I: Student Information

Student First Name

Student Last Name

CU Denver Student ID # (9-digits)

Student CU Employee ID (if previously employed at CU)

Student Major

Student Minor

Student Primary Phone #

Student CU Denver E-mail

Student CU Denver GPA

Student CU Denver Expected Graduation Date

Upload Unofficial Student Transcript

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on accessing your unofficial transcript

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 identify as the following (select all that apply):

- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino/a
- ☐ Native American, Pacific Islander, or Alaskan Native
- ☐ First generation college student (neither parent/legal guardian has received a baccalaureate degree)
- ☐ Eligible for Federal Pell grants (Definition: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/eligibility.html>)
- ☐ I do not identify as any of the above
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

Project Info

Application Section II: Project Information

Title of Proposed Summer Project

Discipline of Project

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

Support Requested

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

Faculty Mentor First Name

Faculty Mentor Last Name

Faculty Mentor Title

Faculty Mentor Department

Faculty Mentor CU Denver E-mail

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?

Career Goals (limit 250 words)

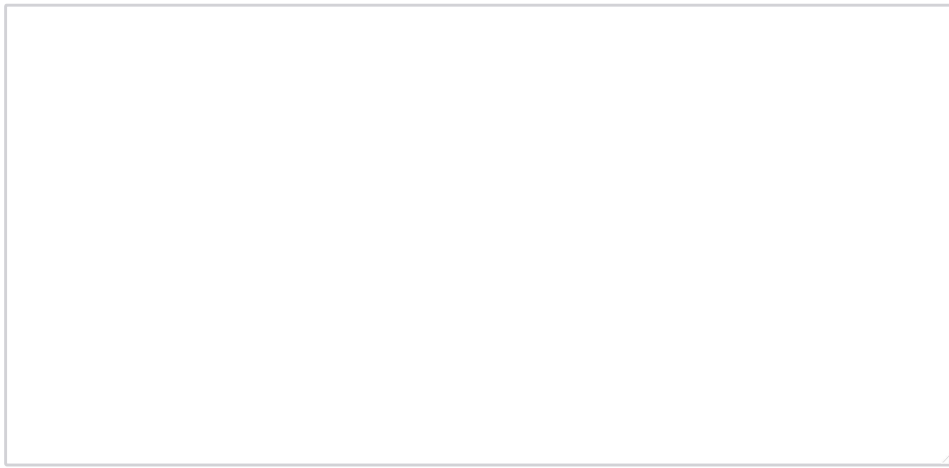
What are your professional and personal goals 5-10 years from now? How will this experience help you to achieve these goals?

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](#).

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



Project Proposal

Upload a document with the following included ([Click Here to View Examples](#)):

1) Project Description and Objectives (500 - 750 words)

In a single essay, describe your research, creative project, or other scholarly activity, including specific objectives, significance, method of inquiry, and analysis & interpretation. Include the following elements:

- **Objective:** Describe the precise importance or goal(s) of the project. Clearly state the purpose of your project. What research question/hypothesis, problem statement, or concept will you investigate?
- **Significance:** Discuss relevant scholarly literature to describe current knowledge in your field (include citations in bibliography). Describe how your project will contribute to or advance this current knowledge.
- **Method of Inquiry:** Explain discipline-based methods or creative techniques you will use to conduct your investigation or exploration. Provide enough detail to allow non-experts to understand the function and purpose of this approach.
- **Analysis & Interpretation:** Discuss how you will be able to use the information gathered via your method of inquiry to address the objective(s) you described above.

2) Bibliography

Provide a numbered bibliography (minimum 3 references, maximum 10 references).

Applications without scholarly references (peer-reviewed journal articles, books, etc.) will not be rated as highly as those with scholarly references.

For assistance developing this aspect of your application, consider engaging the Auraria Library: <https://library.auraria.edu/savvy-researcher-workshops>

3) Project Timeline

In list format, provide a detailed timeline, including approximate dates of when project milestones will be reached. This Fellowship is only 8 weeks and goes by quickly- describe how you will allocate this time. To see examples of final presentations, view past projects at

Does your uploaded document include:

- ☐ 1) Project Description and Objectives (500 - 750 words)
- ☐ 2) Bibliography
- ☐ 3) Project Timeline

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

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.

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>

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Does the proposed project involve gathering information from animal subjects

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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

Application Section IV - Mentoring Plan

An essential aspect and expectation of the EURêCA! 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](#)

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

Award Terms

Application Section V: EURêCA! 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.

HOURS If awarded this fellowship, I agree to work the agreed upon hours per week from May 31 - July 26, 2024.

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.

PROJECT PRESENTATION If awarded this fellowship, I understand that I am required to present at the Summer Research Symposium on Friday, July 26. I also agree to present my work at RaCAS in April 2025 if I have not graduated yet.

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.

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.

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.

Any additional comments/ questions to share?

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