Fellowship Info

2026 EURēCA! Summer Fellows Application Preview

Application Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026, 11:59 pm MT
Funding Period: June 5 - July 31, 2026

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 in-person professional development training, cohort meetups, and other learning opportunities to develop students' ability to communicate in an interdisciplinary manner. 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 Contract Template.
- To be eligible, students must be a CU Denver undergraduate student working toward a baccalaureate degree
- Fellowships last 8-weeks (June 5 - July 31, 2026)
- Applicants can request up to 40hrs/week in stipend support (inclusive of all program activities)
- In addition to their research experience, EURēCA! Fellows attend required weekly in-person professional development training and cohort meetups
- EURēCA! Fellows present their work to the CU Denver community at the conclusion of the program [(View Past Project Presentations)](View Past Project Presentations)

Stipend Levels (total):

- 40 hrs/week - $5,000
- 20 hrs/week - $2,500

Professional Development Trainings | In-person | Fridays 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

- Topics include: Accessing resources, identity as scholars, research ethics and regulatory bodies, professional communication and networking, identifying leadership skills, designing a research poster, presentation skills, sharing research with public audiences,

- Office Hours and Cohort Discussions with URCA Staff also available.

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

- Student Info (including [unofficial CU Denver transcript](#))
- Faculty Mentor Info
- Student Essays
  - Past Research Experience (150 words)
  - Career Goals (150 words)
  - Description of Independence (150 words)
- Project Summary (250-word abstract)
- Project Proposal [(View Example Proposals)](#):
  - Project Description and Objectives (500-700 words)
  - Bibliography (3-5 sources cited in proposal)
  - Detailed Project Timeline
- Uploaded co-written [Mentoring Plan](#)

Student Info

Application Section I: Student Information

Student Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Preferred Pronouns	
CU Denver Email	
CU Denver Student ID # (9 digits)	
Major	
Minor	
6-digit Employee ID # (if previous CU employee)	
Primary Phone #	
CU Denver GPA	
Expected Graduation Date	
Food Allergies or Restrictions	

Upload Unofficial Student Transcript

Click HERE for instructions on accessing your unofficial transcript

Project Information

Application Section II: Project Information

Title of Proposed Summer Project

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Discipline of Project

○ Arts and Media
○ Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
○ Social Sciences and Humanities
○ Other [   ]

Will you or this project receive support from other undergraduate research programs this summer?

○ McNair
○ MARC
○ Other (please indicate) [   ]

Suppport Requested

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

Faculty Mentor Information

First Name   [   ]
Last Name   [   ]
Title   [   ]
CU Denver Email   [   ]
Department   [   ]

How long have you
worked together?

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Past Research Experience (limit 150 words)

Please describe any prior research/scholarly experience(s), this could include coursework.
What did you find most interesting about the topic(s) you studied?

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Career Goals (limit 150 words)

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

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Description of Independence or Increasing Responsibility (limit 150 words)
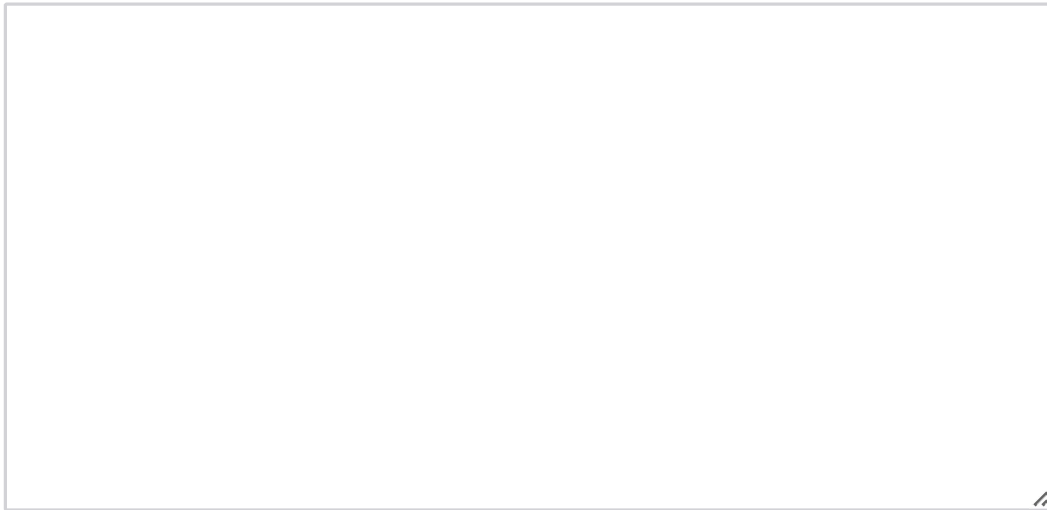
Describe how you are gaining independence in your project or increasing your
responsibilities under your mentor.

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Project Summary (250-word abstract):

Briefly describe the project you will be working on this summer. Indicate specifically what
work you will be doing. Please make the description comprehensible to a non-expert
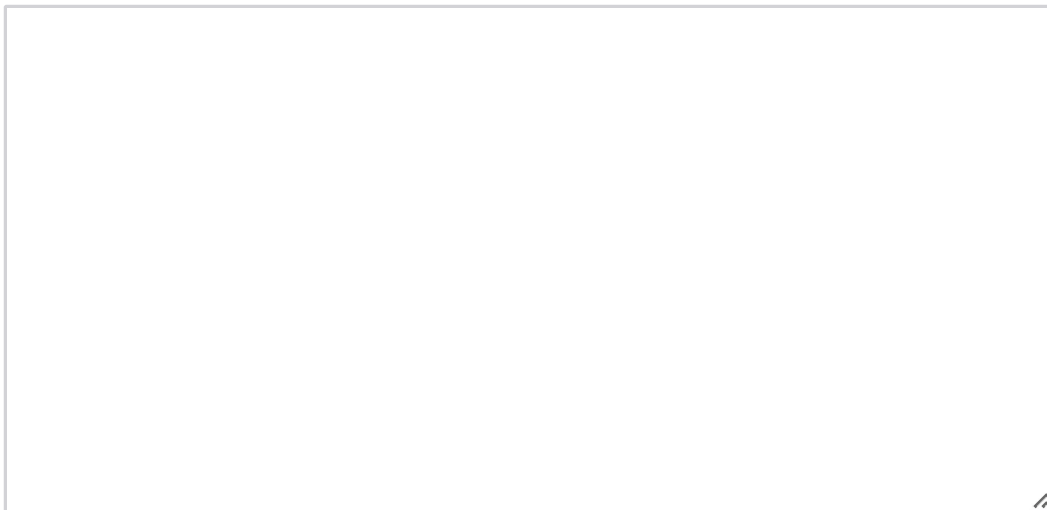reader.

For abstract writing tips click HERE.

For examples from previously funded URCA proposals click HERE.

1) Project Proposal (500-700 words total) Prepare your proposal in a separate document, have your faculty mentor review, and then copy and paste your answers below. ([Click Here to View Proposal Examples](#)).
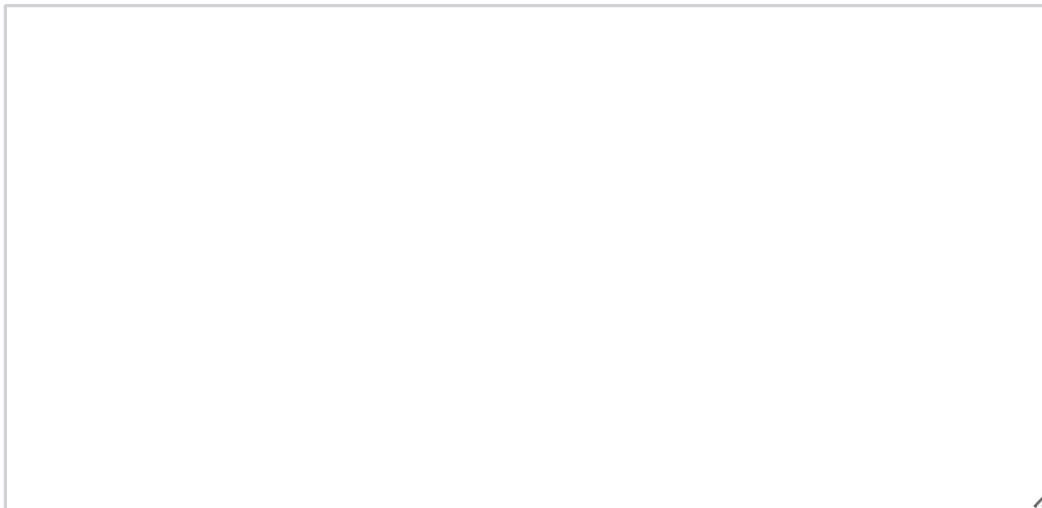
Objective (100-150 words): Describe the goal(s) of the project. What research question/hypothesis, problem statement, or concept will you investigate? (The objective of this project is to explore and test existing, traditional techniques in bending wood in order to discover new processes in the bending.)

Significance (150-175 words): How does the work you propose relate to current scholarly literature in your field? Describe how your project will build on current knowledge and include in-text citations from bibliography. (e.g., This project is part of an effort to revive practical effects in film. Bode (2018) has emphasized, an over-reliance on CGI in film removes audience members' desires to participate.)

Method of Inquiry (100-150 words): Explain discipline-based methods or creative techniques you will use. Use language that allows non-experts to understand your approach. (e.g., Utilizing a Head Mounted Display (HMD) and Virtual Reality (VR), participants will be immersed within a virtual floating structure to undergo seven distinct building motion tests.)

Analysis & Interpretation (100-150 words): Discuss how you will be able to analyze the data you gathered or reflect on how the outcomes of your project met your objectives. (e.g., Based on the semi-structured interviews with black women/birthing individuals, I will code and analyze the data to identify common themes using an abductive analytical approach.)
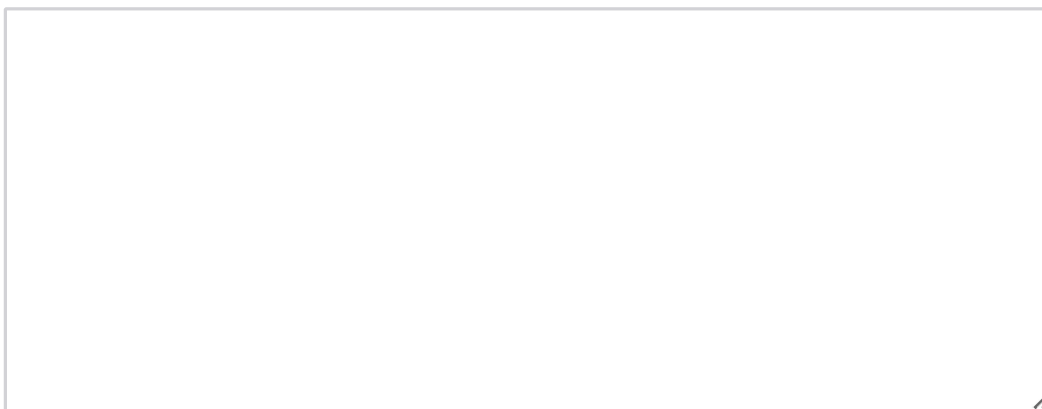
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2) Bibliography

Provide a numbered bibliography of 3-5 scholarly references related to your project (peer-reviewed journal articles, books, etc.).
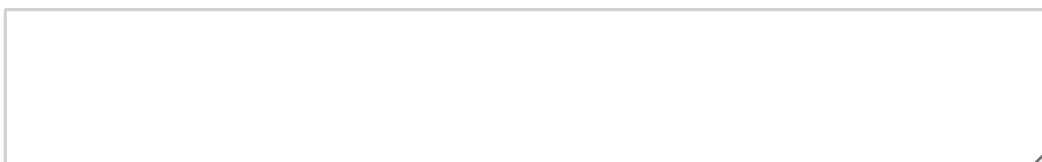
Auraria Library Resources: https://library.auraria.edu/
Auraria Library Tutorials: https://library.auraria.edu/library-tutorials

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3) Project Timeline

In list format, provide a detailed timeline for the project, including approximate dates of when project milestones will be reached over the 8-weeks (including a final presentation) and how often you will meet with your mentor.

To see examples of final presentations: 2025 Summer Symposium.

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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: [_____]

Disclosure of AI Use:

If you used artificial intelligence in the creation of this fellowship proposal, please indicate the following:

1. The AI system's name
2. The strategy for usage (edit grammar, generate ideas, etc)
3. Prompts used
4. A list of specific sections containing AI-derived text or ideas

Please type your full name to indicate you acknowledge authorship for the content in this fellowship proposal:

[_____]

Faculty Mentorship

Application Section III Co-Written 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**

Regulatory Bodies

Application Section IV: 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 students have ample time to complete their proposals.

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, COMIRB Approved
- ◯ Yes, COMIRB in Process
- ◯ No, COMIRB not Involved
- ◯ Other, please explain [ ]

Does the proposed project involve gathering information from animal subjects

○ Yes, IACUC Complete

○ Yes, IACUC in Process

○ No, IACUC not involved

○ Other, please explain [   ]

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, please explain [   ]

○ No

Award Terms

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.

HOURS If awarded this fellowship, I agree to work the agreed upon hours per week from June 5 - July 31, 2026.

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

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PROJECT PRESENTATION If awarded this fellowship, I understand that I am required to present at the conclusion of the summer. I also agree to present my work at RaCAS in April 2027 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.

BADGING POLICIES I agree to abide by Anschutz badging procedures if my work is on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

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.