

RUSSELL-FORKEY RESEARCH AWARD

Summer Research Grants \$2000-\$4000

The Chemistry Department is planning to offer 2-4 summer research grants for undergraduates.

In order to apply, you must be:

- A Chemistry or Biochemistry major
- Enrolled in or have completed at least one of these Chemistry labs: Chem 25, 31, 110L, 125, 141, 162 **OR** have conducted research with a Chemistry faculty member for at least one semester.
- Sponsored by a Chemistry faculty member (lab instructor or research mentor) with whom you will be doing the research.

Two forms of support are available to students:

- **Project Grants** will be available for up to **\$500** for supplies, equipment, services and travel directly related to activities for approved research projects.
- **Stipends.** Students working on approved research projects will be paid at a rate of \$16.50/hour during the summer. A maximum of **\$4,000** will be available for each student.

Total requested budget (project grant + stipend) should be in the range of \$2000 - \$4000. While smaller requests will be considered, larger requests will not be allowed.

*Application & required documents are due
to Dr. Gherman (ghermanb@csus.edu) by April 14, 2025.*

2025 APPLICATION FOR RUSSELL-FORKEY RESEARCH AWARD

Name _____ SID _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Research mentor or lab instructor _____

Sophomore and upper division Chemistry labs (completed or currently enrolled)

Checklist

- Chemistry major
- Completion of or current enrollment in sophomore or upper division Chemistry lab (at least one of Chem 25, 31, 110L, 125, 133, 141, 162) OR one semester research experience with Chemistry faculty research mentor
- Transcript (unofficial copy OK)
- Statement of research interest and career goals (3 sections); must be student-authored and without the use of AI tools.
- Request a recommendation/support letter from research mentor (to be delivered to Dr. Gherman gbermanb@csus.edu).
- Turn in application & required documents to Dr. Gherman (gbermanb@csus.edu) by April 14, 2025

(Total requested budget (project grant + stipend) should be in the range of \$2000 - \$4000. While smaller requests will be considered, larger requests will not be allowed.)

- Amount of stipend requested (up to \$660/week for 4-9 weeks with maximum of @ 40 hours per week; \$4000 maximum): _____
(Note: Students who receive the full stipend can enroll in no more than one summer course.)
- Amount of project grant requested (\$500 maximum): _____
- Please detail below a budget with justifications for each item included in the project grant amount requested.

Statement of research interests

Please complete an essay that includes the following sections (figures/schemes/etc not counting towards the word limit):

Section 1: Why you are interested in doing research (250-word limit)

Section 2: A description of the research project you will be working on, including a specific list of the goals of the project (as determined by you and your research mentor) including the anticipated number of weeks planned to work over summer. (500-word limit)

Section 3: Your career goals and how doing the research will benefit these goals. (250-word limit)