

CARTSS Undergraduate Social Science Research Grant Application Instructions

Undergraduate students in the CU-Boulder College of Arts and Sciences conducting research in the social and behavioral sciences are eligible to apply.

Undergraduate students whose projects are selected will receive a \$1200 stipend payment.

Student Proposal

Students should submit their proposal as a pdf document to cartss@colorado.edu by the proposal deadline. Title of the pdf document should read lastname.pdf. Proposal should contain the following elements:

- 1) Top of the first page should list project title, student name, major(s), expected graduation date, mentor name, mentor department
- 2) Proposal should be a **maximum of 600 words** and cover the following topics:
 - a) State purpose/objective of the project. Motivate importance of the project.
 - b) State what is original about your project and what contribution it makes to your field.
 - c) Methods used in the project
 - d) Skills required for the project and relevant experience/training/coursework.
 - e) Project expenses (approximate)
 - f) Brief timeline for completion

Note: It is not required that the project have expenses or that the expenses add up to \$1200. All awarded students receive a \$1200 stipend, regardless of stated expenses. If expenses are likely to exceed \$1200, the student should discuss how additional resources will be acquired.

Note: You should not include citations/references in your proposal. Your mentor endorsement will address the veracity of your claims regarding originality and contribution.

Mentor Endorsement

Students should provide faculty mentors with a copy of their proposal and their unofficial transcript in a timely fashion so that mentors can evaluate the proposal and submit an endorsement as a pdf document to cartss@colorado.edu by the proposal deadline. Title of the pdf document should read studentlastname_MENTOR.pdf.

Mentor endorsement should be a maximum of **200 words** and should address both the quality of the proposal and the students' qualifications to conduct the research. Because we ask students to omit citations and references from their proposal, the mentor should vet the student's statement regarding the originality and contribution of their project.