

UROP Curiosity Lab

Introduction to UROP Student Project & Conference Grants

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Eligibility

Students

- Students must be degree-seeking undergrads at CU Boulder to apply for UROP funding and should not plan to graduate before the end of a proposed project's grant term or the dates of the conference in which they're presenting.
- All students must be supervised by an eligible mentor.

Details:

<https://www.colorado.edu/urop/applying/student-grants/student-grants-guide/eligibility/projects/students>

Mentors

- Tenured/tenure-track research and teaching faculty, professional researchers and practitioners, and postdoctoral scholars at CU Boulder and the Anschutz Medical Campus are eligible to mentor.
- **Additional Supervisors:** Graduate students may serve as the "Additional Supervisor" on student grants and provide the majority of mentorship, but the project mentor must provide mentoring.

Grant Categories

Project Grants

Support undergrads engaging in research and creative projects in all fields of study

- **Assistantships**
- **Individual Project Grants**

Conference Travel Grants

Support undergrads presenting their work at conferences and exhibitions

- **Individual Conference Travel Grants**

Timelines

Project Grants

- **February 12, 2027:** Student Project Grant applications due for
 - Summer 2027 *and/or*
 - Academic Year 2027-28
- **February 19, 2027:** Mentor Endorsements due for Student Project Grants

Application Alert List:

Join the Application Alert List to be notified when UROP reopens the Student Project Grant applications.

<https://www.colorado.edu/urop/faq/alert-lists/application-alert>

Conference Travel Grants

- Conference Travel Grant applications are reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis, but students must submit
 - **After** receiving official acceptance to present *and*
 - **Before** the start of the event

Assistantships

Description

Assistantships provide funding to students to partner with a faculty mentor to help on an existing project.

Details:

<https://www.colorado.edu/urop/applying/student-grant-proposals/assistantships>

Amounts

- **Summer:** \$2,000
- **Academic Year:** \$1,000

Fall Graduates

Students graduating in the Fall Term (December) may apply for Academic Year grants but should be aware that they will be awarded half the value of the standard rate (\$500) due to the shorter term.

Individual Project Grants

Description

Individual Project Grants allow students to take ownership of part or all of a project with an original proposal.

Details:

<https://www.colorado.edu/uop/applying/student-grant-proposals/individual-project-grants>

Amounts

- **Summer:** \$3,000
- **Academic Year:** \$1,500

Fall Graduates

Students graduating in the Fall Term (December) may apply for Academic Year grants but should be aware that they will be awarded half the value of the standard rate (\$750) due to the shorter term.

Individual Conference Travel Grants

Description

Individual Conference Travel Grants support students sharing their work at academic and professional conferences.

Details:

<https://www.colorado.edu/urop/applying/student-grant-proposals/individual-conference-travel-grants>

Amounts

- **Events in Colorado:** Up to \$250
- **Domestic (USA) Events:** Up to \$500
- **International Events:** Up to \$750

Resources

Student Grants Guide:

<https://www.colorado.edu/urop/applying/student-grant-proposals/student-grants-guide>

Writing UROP Project Grant Proposals:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Fi_em3q3ou4JXORKtMWJm1CJOrFpA2niXsWl7gEHocw/edit?usp=sharing

Assistantship Proposal Worksheet:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t1GLtmV33p-a9J3sBGKDrgzbPALYx2-btc5J3cP8bTQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Individual Project Proposal Worksheet:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TcNfj--mtL6F8StNsTzinzqzbm1fwMHQzMNbHBrcPP4/edit?usp=sharing>

University Compliance Worksheet:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lyfclummotcn5p8nHrTQ7eDY7xTFVBsRBgzhW5jj7gQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Contact

- **Website:** <https://www.colorado.edu/urop/>
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- **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12274488/>

Next Session:

Finding & Connecting with Potential Mentors

We'll provide advice about connecting with potential project mentors on the CU Boulder campus, highlighting systems for searching and strategies for initiating contact.

Upcoming Sessions

- **Mon., Oct. 19, 2026**, 4:40 - 5:10 pm
- **Tues., Oct. 20, 2026**, 12:30 - 1:00 pm