



Deadline » **March 1**
Prize » **\$5,000**

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UNDERGRADS

GRADS

FACULTY



PURPOSE

To provide funds for undergraduate members to conduct summer research under the supervision of members of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for these grants must:

- be an undergraduate Psi Chi member with a member ID number on file at the Central Office,
- contact potential sponsors in the fall who are conducting research in areas of interest (go to http://www.psichi.org/awards/cur_sponsors.aspx for a list of CUR sponsors), and
- still be enrolled as an undergraduate student after the grant-sponsored summer research is conducted.

Preference will be given to projects that:

- are spearheaded by the grant applicant,
- encompass all aspects of the research process, and
- might result in a first-authored publication or presentation by the applicant.

However, other projects may be accepted, including proposals for projects in which students would be involved in one or more of the following activities: quantitative or qualitative data collection; data analyses and interpretation; meta-analysis; and grant proposal development.



STYLE / STANDARDS

1. Applications must be an electronic document written in English conforming strictly to the instructions in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA).
2. The application (including supporting letters and documents) should not exceed 10 pages in 12-point font (double-spaced).



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. The student applicant should submit the proposal online at www.psichi.org under the AWARDS/GRANTS section. The link for submissions is available at least one month prior to the submission deadline.
2. Submissions are accepted online until midnight local time on March 1. Late submissions will not be accepted.
3. Faculty may sponsor only one Psi Chi summer research grant recipient per summer.



SUBMISSION ELEMENTS

1. **Submission Form** (next page).
2. **Narrative.** A narrative describing:
 - a. the project and the goals of the research (300–600 words),
 - b. the applicant’s career goals,
 - c. the anticipated impact of this research experience, and
 - d. the applicant’s research experiences to this point (up to 750 words).
3. **Statement of Funding.** Proposal must disclose other sources of funding for the project, if applicable. Multiple sources of funding are allowable; however, the student applicant will be required to include an explanation for the need for multiple sources of funding. Grantees funded by a CUR Summer Research Grant cannot receive concurrent funding from any other Psi Chi summer research grant.
4. **Letter of Recommendation.** A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the applicant’s school describing the applicant’s academic ability, motivation, and readiness for the research to be conducted.
5. **Letter of Support From Sponsoring Faculty.** The sponsoring faculty member must compose a letter of support that:
 - briefly describes the research project and what the student will be doing,
 - confirms the faculty sponsor’s willingness to mentor the applicant for the summer research project, and
 - includes a statement that the sponsor has read the applicant’s narrative of the proposed research and concurs with its accuracy.
6. **Transcript.** An official transcript documenting the student’s coursework.

APPLY NOW



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SUBMISSION FORM

Download and complete the submission form below, save your information to the file, and upload with your proposal.

Name	
Phone	Email
Psi Chi member ID number	
School affiliation	
Title of proposal	
Faculty supervisor	
Faculty supervisor's phone	Email
Faculty supervisor's CUR Membership ID	

Previous CUR Summer Research Grant winners:

Emily Gregory | Centre College (KY)

Maternal Influences on Parent-Offspring Kin Recognition in Japanese Quail (Coturnix japonica)

Japanese quail chicks and parents were tested for parent-offspring kin recognition 3 days after hatching. Although adult males showed no offspring recognition, the few female quail that displayed maternal behaviors showed a significant preference for unfamiliar chicks. Chicks preferred their mother if she had displayed parental care. Thus, parental care may be necessary for kin recognition to occur. Daily injections of prolactin hormone, which correlates with incubation behavior, failed to induce parental care of eggs. Future research will explore ways of inducing maternal care behaviors to determine the role of parental care in parent-offspring recognition. Understanding the mechanism for parent-offspring kin recognition can aid in developing better captive breeding techniques aimed at preserving endangered bird populations.

Meagan Howard | Northern Kentucky University

Acute Effects of Energy Drinks on Behavioral Control

There has been a dramatic rise in the consumption of energy drinks (e.g., Red Bull) in the past decade, particularly among college students. However, there has been little laboratory research to examine the effects of energy drinks on cognitive performance. The purpose of this study was to investigate the acute effects of an energy drink on the attentional blink phenomenon. In this study, participants were asked to complete a well-validated attentional blink task, as well as additional subjective measures of mood both before and after receiving a beverage (energy drink, decaffeinated placebo beverage, or no drink). The energy drink increased subjective feelings of stimulation and increased accuracy on the attentional blink task in a dose dependent manner.

Read about the authors on p. 30 in the *Digital Eye* at the following link: <http://www.ourdigitalmags.com/publication/?i=54316&page=1>.