

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS

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These awards are sponsored by the Valparaiso University Guild. The motivation for these awards is to enhance and facilitate more undergraduate research at Valparaiso University. Annually, \$10,000 will be available in support of undergraduate research: \$5,000 for faculty development and support; \$5,000 for student expenses.

### **Student Expenses:**

The funds will support up to about ten awards with a soft cap of \$500 each. If awarded, students could use these funds for equipment purchases, supplies, photocopying, or other research needs or travel, meals, or lodging to present their findings at conferences.

Student applications require a letter from the faculty sponsor. Students can apply for this award more than once if the first award is for research supplies and the second, for example, is for travel to a conference to present the research findings. Funding for the second award will be contingent on completion of the research supported by the first award. Students may not obtain two awards to support their initial research.

Deadlines for fall and spring are November 15 and March 15. Details about the application format and the application cover sheet are available in the Provost's Office or at the top of this page.

### **Eligibility**

All full-time undergraduate students are eligible. Students need to indicate their intended graduation date on the application cover sheet. If a student receives a grant for summer research and he/she plans to graduate in May, the student must be registered for summer courses.

The Committee also states the following:

1. The motivation for these awards is to enhance and facilitate more undergraduate research at Valparaiso University.
2. Undergraduate research must involve substantial original research and may not merely be studio work or creative work.
3. The Committee will give higher priority to original, student-initiated research proposals as opposed to student work on faculty projects. Nevertheless, the Committee encourages proposals of all types.

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