



Student Research Scholars (SRS) Program 2027-28

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The Student Research Scholars (SRS) Program, funded by CSUB'S President's Associates, will support students under the mentorship/guidance of faculty to conduct a project involving research, scholarship, or creative activity. Students apply during Spring 2027 to conduct research projects during the 2027-28 academic year. **Please review the scholarship, eligibility, program requirements, and application directive as there are changes this year.**

Student Scholarship: \$2,500 scholarship (\$1,250 per semester) will be awarded to the student. No budget itemization/ breakdown is required that explains how funds will be used. Students can use the scholarship funding to subsidize any costs associated with participating in the program.

Faculty Stipend: \$500 compensation will be provided to the faculty mentor to support mentorship activities.

Student Eligibility and Requirements: 1) Undergraduate and Graduate students are required to be enrolled at CSU Bakersfield throughout the 2027-28 academic year, 2) Students are required to participate in all program activities throughout the year including SRS semester meetings, events, and various activities. All student awardees will be required to present a summary of their projects at the Student Research Competition 2028 and Student Poster Presentation in 20278.

Student and Faculty Mentor Application Eligibility: 1) Only one application will be accepted from a student/faculty mentor team, 2) Faculty are limited to support/apply on only one student application. If the faculty has multiple students to consider, they must decide which application to support.



Application Directive – Required Documents

1. Description of Proposed Activity (limited to three pages) to be written/completed by Student Applicant (use the following headings):

- **Background:** Provide a concise summary of background material that provides the context for the proposed study.
- **Purpose:** Give a clear and concise statement of the problem and/or purpose of the project.
- **Significance:** State the justification, importance, and significance of the project.
- **Methodology:** Describes the activities, methods, and other applicable techniques to carry out the project.
- **Timeline:** Describes the plan to conduct the project over the course of the academic year.
- **Supplemental:** Works cited list, bibliographies can be attached and do not count toward the three-page limit.

The student is responsible for working with the faculty mentor in the development of the Description of the Proposed Activity document. This expectation should help to ensure full understanding of the mentoring relationship and the context of the proposed project within the faculty member's area of research, scholarship, and/or creative activity.

2. Mentorship Plan (limited to two pages) to be written/completed by Faculty Mentor on Department Letterhead and Signed/dated:

- In one (1) page describe the mentoring process being proposed between you and the student, including how you will develop the student's strengths and remediate any weaknesses. In addition, describe the steps you will take to prepare the student for the required presentations in Spring 2028.
- In one (1) page explain how the student's proposed project fits in with your area of research, scholarship, and/or creative activity. Also, explain how this project will enhance your ability to publish, produce scholarship or creative works, or write grants for extramural funding in your area.

The faculty is responsible for working with the student in the development of the Mentorship Plan document. This expectation should help to ensure full understanding of the mentoring relationship and how the faculty will support the student's project.



REVIEW PROCEDURES: Each proposal will be reviewed and ranked by the [Research Council of the University \(RCU\)](#) to determine the awards. There will be a limited number of awards. The review will be based on:

1. Purpose: Gives a clear and concise statement of the problem and/or purpose of the project.
2. Significance: States the justification, importance and significance of the project
3. Methodology: Describes the activities, methods, and other applicable techniques to carry out the project.
4. Timeline: Describes the plan to conduct the project over the course of the academic year.
5. Mentoring Process/Plan: Describes the mentoring process between the faculty and the student including how faculty will develop the student's strengths and remediate any weaknesses.
6. Relevance of Project to Faculty's Scholarship: Describes or explains how the student's proposed project fits with faculty area of research, scholarship, and/or creative activity.

HUMAN OR ANIMAL SUBJECTS RESEARCH: All SRS applications are reviewed to ensure research compliance. The compliance team will review each proposal for [Human](#) or [Animal subjects](#) research compliance and provide directives accordingly. SRS applicants will have their proposal be assessed and be provided directive to ensure IRB or IACUC approval or exemption. Contact Gwen Parnell, Research Compliance Analyst, should you have questions at gparnell@csub.edu or 661-654-6712.

Are humans or animals involved as subjects in your research project? If so, please supply an IRB (humans) or an IACUC (animals) authorization letter with your application if available at the time of submission.

If the student does not have an approved IRB/IACUC protocol at the time of submission, the student can still apply. Applicants are recommended to complete the necessary work to have research approval or exemption in place by August 2027.



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SUBMISSION PROCEDURES: The student must complete the application form and submit the required attachments within the InfoReady Review Portal <https://csub.infoready4.com> by

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 5, 2027, at 11:59 PM. No late submissions will be accepted.

Failure to submit a complete application including an incomplete Project Description or Signed faculty Mentorship Plan on Department Letterhead will result in disqualification.

NUMBER OF EXPECTED AWARDS AND NOTIFICATIONS: Up to 32 student-faculty mentor teams will be selected across academic colleges with awards being made to ensure representation across all four Colleges. Award notices will be announced via email to student applicants, including faculty mentors, in June 2027, so that projects may begin July 1, 2027.

QUESTIONS: Questions can be directed to Manuel Barrera, Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs at 661-654-3534 or mbarrera@csub.edu. The GRASP office is located in DDH 108D.