

Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity

**Falcon Travel Grant**

The Falcon Travel Grant competition is intended to support URSCA student travel to professional conferences or events. Funds may be used for travel expenses such as conference registration, lodging and transportation. Applications for these competitive grants are welcome from all colleges and disciplines. Grant funds may be used for individual or group travel. Grant applications should be student-authored, with supervision and guidance from the faculty mentor.

Funding:

1. For URSCA students who are included in the conference program as **presenting** authors or displaying their original URSCA projects at a professional conference or event.
   * Individual:  eligible for up to $1,600.00
   * Group (i.e. A group of URSCA students traveling together to attend the same conference or event): eligible for funding with shared accommodations and travel arrangements.
2. For URSCA students who are included in the conference program as **participating or performing** at a professional conference or event as a professional development opportunity.
   * Individual: eligible for up to $500.00
   * Group (i.e. A group of URSCA students traveling together to attend the same conference or event): eligible for funding with shared accommodations and travel arrangements.
3. For URSCA students who are **attending** a conference or event as a professional development opportunity
   * Individual: eligible for up to $500.00
   * Group (i.e. A group of URSCA students traveling together to attend the same conference or event): eligible for funding with shared accommodations and travel arrangements.

*Priority will be given to students in funding category 1. Also, priority will be given to undergraduates whose applications include confirmation of acceptance to present at the conference or event.*

Criteria:

* It is expected that students traveling as a group will share lodging, transportation, etc. to reduce cost.
* Undergraduates are eligible to receive funding for travel to one discipline-specific conference a year. In addition to eligibility for travel to one discipline-specific conference or event, URSCA students are also eligible and strongly encouraged to apply for funding to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). (Funding for UWRF students who wish to travel to NCUR are handled in a group at the time of conference registration, in February, after acceptances have been announced.)
* Undergraduates receiving a Falcon Travel Grant must be currently enrolled at the time of travel.
* Students funded through Falcon Travel Grants to present/display their URSCA projects are required to also showcase their work on the UWRF campus at either the Fall Gala or Spring RSCA Day.
* All travel arrangements and reimbursements must adhere to UW-System travel policies found at <https://www.wisconsin.edu/travel/uw-river-falls-travel/> Note that per state guidelines for differential tuition funds, the Falcon Travel Grant cannot be used to purchase food or beverages.
* Falcon Travel Grants do not cover cost of dissemination materials (i.e. poster printing).

Review:

* All applications will be evaluated by SURSCA.

Notification of Award:

* The Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity will notify award recipients, typically within 6 weeks of the grant deadline.