A limited number of grants of up to $500.00 each are available to Honors students each semester. Selection is based on academic merit, quality of supporting materials, and financial need. Applications from students with financial need will be considered on occasions outside the application deadlines if special circumstances arise. Once awarded, grant recipients will be asked to submit an electronic copy of their final thesis, including an abstract, to the Honors College.

Background and Rationale

The Honors Research Grant Program has been established to support the research efforts of students in the departmental and college Honors programs. Students may apply for grants up to $500.00 for any legitimate purpose that would enhance their research efforts. For example, grant money could be used toward travel to conferences or special research collections, or for the purchase of equipment unique to the student’s project not covered by a mentor’s grant. Normally, grant money is not awarded for the purchase of common laboratory equipment. A student may receive the award once.

Eligibility

1. Students must be admitted to a college or departmental Honors program.
2. Students must be actively engaged in a research project that will lead to the writing of an individual Honors thesis.
3. Students must have a FAFSA on file for the current academic year that demonstrates financial need. If a student’s expected family contribution for college expenses is less than the total cost of attendance, there is an excellent chance the student will meet the financial need criterion. A student may inquire about his/her financial eligibility prior to applying by emailing sfa-scholarships.umd.edu.

Application Process

1. This Application Form (submit 2nd page only)
2. Narrative Description of your Honors thesis project
3. Detailed Budget
4. Transcript (unofficial transcript is fine)
5. Confidential letter of support from Faculty Mentor. (An additional letter of support from your college or department Honors director is optional.) Letter(s) should be sent directly to Dr. Traci Dula at tdula@umd.edu.

Submit completed application materials and direct questions to: Dr. Traci Dula at tdula@umd.edu, subject line: HC Research Grant and last name.
HONORS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadlines
Fall: October 1     Spring: February 26
(Notification within two weeks of submission)

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Are you applying for or have you received any other grants or fellowships to support this research? If so, please explain.
If awarded the Honors College Research Grant, we request a final copy of your thesis, including an abstract (attn.: Dr. Traci Dula). Do you agree to share a final copy of your thesis:
   Yes, I agree   No, I do not agree

Grant recipients will be listed on the Honors College Research Grant web page along with the title of their thesis and the accompanying abstract. Please sign and date indicating that you agree to have your abstract posted on the Honors College website:
Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Application Checklist

1. This application form

2. Narrative Description
   The narrative of your Honors thesis project should be written in such a way as to be accessible to non-specialists.

3. Budget
   Please specify for what purposes(s) this grant money will be used. Include as much supporting material and detailed information about your budget as possible.

4. Transcript (Unofficial is fine.)

5. Letter of Support from Faculty Mentor
   A confidential letter of support from your faculty mentor (required) and an additional supporting letter from your college or departmental Honors Director (optional) must be sent separately via email to tdula@umd.edu.

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