

Greetings from the Office of Undergraduate Research! I hope this finds everyone well rested and ready for the final weeks of the semester. Please read on for highlights for the end of the fall semester as well as the months ahead. Thank you for sharing with students and colleagues!

Funding Program Deadlines

[UConn IDEA Grants](#), summer funding deadline 12/8/23

The UConn IDEA Grant program awards funding to support student-designed and student-led projects, including creative endeavors, community service initiatives, entrepreneurial ventures, research projects, and other original and innovative projects. The December deadline is for summer 2024 projects (developed in spring 2024, implemented in summer 2024, shared in fall 2024); a second application deadline on March 8, 2024, is for academic year projects (developed in summer 2024, implemented in the 2024-25 academic year, shared in spring 2025).

[Health Research Program](#), deadline 1/29/24

The Health Research Program offers a pathway into undergraduate research for students with interests in health and the biomedical sciences. A listing of opportunities with UConn Health faculty conducting a range of types of health research will be added to the [program webpage](#) in the beginning of January 2024. Students may apply to one or more opportunities, which begin as 10-week, full-time summer experiences (with \$4,000 stipend) and continue during the academic year for credit. Q&A drop-in hours and information sessions will be held in January; details for these sessions will be posted [here](#).

- Tuesday, December 5, 4-5pm, Online

[Summer Undergraduate Research Fund \(SURF\) Awards](#), deadline 1/29/24

SURF Awards provide up to \$4,500 to support UConn undergraduate students' intensive engagement in summer research or creative projects. Come learn about the program at upcoming [information sessions](#):

- Tuesday, November 28, 4-5pm, Rowe 320
- Monday, December 4, 4-5pm, Online

OUR advisors are available during December and January to answer questions and review draft materials. Students can make a SURF advising appointment [here](#).

Workshops

Letters of Recommendation: Who and How to Ask

Are you applying for research opportunities or funding programs that require letters of recommendation, either inside or outside UConn? Attend this session to learn more about who and how to ask for a recommendation, as well as pitfalls to avoid in the process.

- Thursday, November 30, 4-5pm, Online

Finding Summer Research Opportunities.

In this session, we will discuss strategies and resources for identifying programs that fit your goals and interests, the application process, and tips for making the most of a summer opportunity.

- Wednesday, November 29, 4-5pm, McHugh 108
- Wednesday, December 6, 4-5pm, Online

A full listing of spring workshops will be added [here](#) once links and locations are confirmed.

Student Presentation Events

UConn BOLD Women's Leadership Scholar Sammi Gove's the "Anti-Indigenous Iconography Project" website launch: Weds. Nov. 29th from 5-6 pm in ODI Commons, Student Union 103. Poster linked [here](#).

UConn BOLD Women's Leadership Scholar Kim Rosado's documentary screening "Una Flor Marchita": Mon. Dec. 11th from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Student Union theater. Poster linked [here](#).

Advising

- [Meet with a Peer Research Ambassador](#) virtually via individual appointments.
- [Meet with an OUR Advisor](#); both in-person and virtual advising appointments are available.

Save the Date: Frontiers 2024

The 27th Annual Frontiers in Undergraduate Research Poster Exhibition will be held on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, 2024. Please mark your calendars!

Thank you so much! Please be in touch with any questions and any contacts we should add to our distribution list for these messages.