

Frequently Asked Questions

Hanson Family Undergraduate Research Publication Award

What is the Hanson Family Undergraduate Research Publication Award?

The **Hanson Family Undergraduate Research Publication Award** is an annual award instituted in 2016, made possible through a generous endowment by Steve and Karen Hanson to support publication of undergraduate research by UC Davis students performed with guidance by UC Davis faculty. The award is intended to recognize publication of outstanding undergraduate research, scholarship or creative activity tied to any academic subject that has been performed while at UC Davis with guidance by UC Davis faculty.

Who is eligible for this award?

To be eligible for this award, you must:

- Be a currently enrolled undergraduate student in good academic standing.
- Have conducted your independent research under the direction of a UC Davis faculty member.
- Be an author on an article that is a recognized publication (*has a DOI—digital object identifier—number and can be accessed online for confirmation*)

Is there a GPA requirement for this award?

- No, there is no GPA requirement, but you must meet the aforementioned eligibility requirements. The award is based on the overall quality of your research work and publication. GPA is not a criteria for the award; however, students must be in good academic standing and have made independent contributions to faculty-supervised research.

Can my research be in any field?

- Applicants project may be in any major or academic subject at UC Davis.

What Publications?

- Articles must be recognized publications with a DOI (digital object identifier) number and accessible online for confirmation. Published based on research performed as an undergraduate student at UC Davis. Accepted articles are eligible once they have a DOI if they can be accessed through a publically available source (as proof of publication). Pending or “in press” articles are not eligible and must wait for the next award cycle.

What does the application consist of?

The application consists of:

- A copy of the research publication (uploaded in PDF format)
- A summary describing the applicant's independent contributions to the project (no more than 1 page, combined as part of the same PDF with the publication)
- A letter from the faculty sponsor (no more than 2 pages long, 12-point font, single spaced).
- An additional supporting recommendation letter is optional (no more than 2 pages long, 12-point font, single spaced).

How are students selected for the award?

The URC Selection Committee reviews applications with assistance from college awards committees. Selection of an awardee is based on the quality of the research publication with an emphasis on the student's independent contributions to research and discovery in their discipline.

What if I have already graduated in December 2017; am I eligible?

No. You must be a current student to be eligible.

Can my research partner and I apply as a team?

No; however, undergraduate students who are co-authors on the same publication may each apply based on their independent contributions to the publication. This award emphasizes independent contributions to research and authorship on a publication.

Who may write the additional (optional) supporting letter of recommendation?

A letter from the primary faculty research advisor/sponsor must be provided, however an additional supporting letter is optional and may be from any of the following:

- Faculty (academic senate or federation members)
- Postdocs or staff
- Graduate students

I have more than two letter writers. Can I include more letter writers?

No, only two total letters are allowed. In addition to the primary letter from a faculty sponsor, you may only submit one other supporting recommendation letter. If you have more than two letter writers, you may consider submitting one letter that is co-signed by several people, or a letter may incorporate quotes about your work from another person. Any letters should be no more than 2 pages long, 12-point font, single spaced.

Can my optional supporting recommendation letter writer be from off-campus?

Yes, as long as it is from a professor or professional you worked closely with, and someone who can speak favorably about the research in your publication, and your independent contribution; however, your primary sponsor letter must be from a UC Davis faculty that you have conducted your research with.

How can I best highlight my independent contributions to the research publication?

In the 1-page summary of your individual contributions to the project, describe your role in the project, including intellectual and/or technical contributions, as well as contributions to writing the manuscript and any supporting data or files submitted with the publication.

What are the benefits to winning the award?

Undergraduate recipients of the publication award receive:

- a \$500 award
- special recognition on the URC website and at the Spring Award Reception

When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply is **Monday, April 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** Applications will not be accepted after this time so please plan to upload before 5:00 p.m. in case you experience any technical difficulties.

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