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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Innovation Institute for Food & Health Undergraduate Research Fellowship

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#### What is the IIFH Undergraduate Research Fellowship?

The **IIFH Undergraduate Research Fellowship** is an award intended to support undergraduate students performing research with guidance by UC Davis faculty that relates to the mission of the IIFH to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health. The IIFH Undergraduate Research Fellowship provides a summer research stipend, funds for travel and/or research supplies, and includes professional development opportunities and training events related to entrepreneurship.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

To be eligible for this award, students must be:

- A currently enrolled and continuing undergraduate student in good academic standing
- Engaged in undergraduate research under the direction of a UC Davis faculty member
- Participating in research that relates to the mission of the IIFH to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health
- Interested to explore entrepreneurship, e.g. attend an on-campus Entrepreneurship Academy

#### Is there a GPA requirement for this award?

- No, there is no GPA requirement, but you must meet the aforementioned eligibility requirements. GPA is not a criteria for the award; however, students must be in good academic standing.

#### Can my research be in any field?

- Applicant's project may be in any major or academic subject at UC Davis but research must relate to the mission of the IIFH to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health. The IIFH encourages interdisciplinary research and uncommon connections between sectors and disciplines to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health.

#### What does the application consist of?

The application consists of:

- A single PDF application document (max. 2 pages) that includes 1) a summary of the student's research project (up to one page), 2) a statement describing how the research relates to the mission of the IIFH to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health, and 3) a statement of interest in entrepreneurship and how this fellowship would benefit you
- 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 IIFH and college awards committees. Selection of fellows is based on the quality of the research project with an emphasis on the student's potential independent contributions to research and discovery in their discipline;

#### What if I am graduating in June 2018; am I eligible?

No. You must be a continuing student in 2018-2019 to be eligible.

### **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 your research potential; however, your primary sponsor letter must be from a UC Davis faculty that you have conducted your research with.

### **What are the benefits for the IIFH Undergraduate Research Fellowship?**

- A summer research stipend of \$3500 and \$500 for travel, supplies, etc
- Attend annual IIFH Innovator Summit in Spring 2019
- Participate in the 2019 Food, Ag, and Health Entrepreneurship academy (on-campus)
- Participate in other professional development workshops and training events

### **How do I Apply?**

For more information and a link to the application site visit our webpage: [ucdavis.edu/programs/IIFH](http://ucdavis.edu/programs/IIFH)

### **When is the deadline to apply?**

The deadline to apply is **Monday, April 23, 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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