

## *The Corridor Undergraduate Research Initiative*

The Florida High Tech Corridor and USF Research & Innovation Undergraduate Research Initiative is designed to support meaningful research experiences for our Undergraduate students. Through this program, each USF College may request **\$10,000** (total for 2024-2025 school year) from the Florida High Tech Corridor to provide new and expanded research opportunities for Undergraduate students and to fuel future innovations.

This program is intentionally flexible to allow each College to design a program that best serves participating students and existing administrative structures. Possible structures include, but are not limited to:

- Launching an Undergraduate Research Scholarship fund focused on community-engaged research

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- Funds can be awarded to students as tuition waiver, stipend or hourly payment based on the discretion of the College and/or preference of the participating student.
- Funds must support *USF* undergraduate students. REU students from other universities are not

- **Intentional Inclusivity:** Expand access to resources for people and geographies that have historically been underrepresented in Florida’s high-tech economy.
- **Community-Driven Innovation:** Support a bottom-up approach to innovation that begins with listening and learning and engages community members in the process of economic development.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Director of Undergraduate Research Stipend Request (PDF, no more than one page, double spaced, 11 pt font.)

- **Name & Title**
- **Experience:** Please summarize your experience working with Undergraduate Student researchers, managing and implementing student programs, and your leadership within the College and/or across USF.
- **Certification Statement:** Please include the following statement at the bottom of the proposal.
  - *If funded, I am committed to overseeing the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the funded Undergraduate Research Initiative; to serve as the primary point of contact between the College and the Office of Research and Innovation; and to represent the College on USFRI Undergraduate Research Council.*
- Attach your current CV (not counted towards in page limits)
- **Proposals must be signed by the named faculty member**
- **Proposals must be signed by the Dean of the College**

NOTE: If a College is submitting for both the Undergraduate Student Support and Faculty Stipend, please receive the Dean’s signature on both proposals.

### Reporting Requirements:

Colleges are required to publicize funded opportunities with the [USF’s Undergraduate Research Portal](#) and encourage students to participate in Undergraduate Research Symposium(s).

To capture impact and ensure that funds are spent in full towards the intended purpose, Colleges are required to submit a final report at the close of the summer semester. Templates will be provided and will request the information outlined below. Additional follow-on reports may also be requested to capture the long-term impacts of this support.

- Summary of the program’s successes, challenges, and lessons learned. (Max 1-page)
  - This information will help to refine and improve the program’s efforts going forward, as well as identify best practices that can be shared among the participating Colleges.
- Reconciliation of funds expended
- Number of students supported
  - Names, Dept, Year, Demographic Data
  - Indicate which students participated in the Undergraduate Research Showcase(s)
- Amount of support received per student
- Contact information for participating students
- Written testimonial from each student at the end of the engagement (max 250 words)
  - What did this experience mean to you?

- If any, what was the outcome of this research? i.e. conference participation, publication, future scholarship, etc. Please provide supporting links, if available.
  - How did it help you understand or prepare for your future after graduation?
  - Does the Corridor and/or USF Research & Innovation have permission to include your response (in whole or part) in future marketing or social media efforts (i.e. blog post, social media post, e-newsletter, etc.)? [ Yes | No ]
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