



Sociology Undergraduate Research Grant Competition

2021-22

The Department of Sociology announces a grant competition for undergraduate research. It is available only to sociology majors, and it will award 5 grants of \$250 each. Students will work with a sociology department faculty member. Students can propose their own research or work on a faculty member's ongoing research project. The goal of this program is to give sociology majors practical research experience.

The program is timed to allow applicants to also apply for the larger UConn SHARE award. The SHARE award offers \$1,500 to students and \$500 to faculty, and its application deadline is one week after ours. To make it even easier, our application uses exactly the same questions as the application used by the SHARE award. (<https://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/share/>). So, it's a simple matter to apply for both.

To find a faculty sponsor, you can approach a faculty member with whom you've already worked, whose class you enjoyed, or whose research interests you. Make sure to meet with this faculty member as part of creating your application. If you want help finding a faculty member to work with, let us know.

The proposed research project will be worked on during the 2021-22 school year. If it works for the faculty member, you could also take it as an independent study.

The best applications will have clear discussions of the importance of the issue being studied, the method used to study it, and the student's role in conducting the research.

The due date for applications is Sunday, October 3, at midnight. Submit the application as a .doc or .pdf file to Kathy Covey at katherine.covey@uconn.edu. Questions? Contact her as well at 860.486.4423.

Good luck!

The Undergraduate Program Committee

SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH GRANT

Deadline Sunday, October 3

Sociology Department
University of Connecticut
Manchester Hall
Questions? Call 860-486-4423

PAST WINNERS

To give you a sense of what's possible, here are some winners from past years:

- Morgan Allgrove-Hodges. "Reducing inequalities through environmentally responsive public transportation planning: a comparison of Jakarta and Houston." With Professor Matthew Hughey
- Andrew Bogatz. "The Politics of America's Failing Healthcare System." With Professor Michael Wallace
- Emily Kaufman. "STEM's Going to Save Us? Climate Change is a Social Problem." With Professor Phoebe Godfrey.
- Kathryn Hare. "The Cultural Impact of Pseudoscience." With Professor Bradley Wright
- Jordan Williams. "Gun Violence Prevention Activism After Sandy Hook: The Growth of a National Movement." With Professor Mary Bernstein

FAQ

How can the money be used? The money can cover direct expenses of the research. It can also be used as a stipend for the student.

How do I find a faculty member to work with? You can contact a professor whose class you enjoyed taking. You can also go to the Department's website and look at faculty member's research interests. Then contact them and see if they'd be interested.

How do I pick a research project? You'll want to have a general area of research in mind. Beyond that, your faculty member can help you to narrow down the topic and figure out a good way of studying it.

APPLICATION

The Sociology Department is offering five grants of \$250 each to sociology majors to support a research project during the 2021-22 school year. Undergraduates will work with a faculty member of their choosing. We encourage all applicants to also apply for the UConn SHARE Award, which is due one week later and uses the same application questions.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Major: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ G.P.A.: _____ UConn Campus: _____

PROPOSED PROJECT & PROJECT UPLOADS

Title of Proposed Project: _____

Name of Faculty Mentor: _____

What will you be doing in this research project? What do you hope to accomplish by the end of the research project period? (Maximum 500 words)

Why are you interested in this particular research project? (maximum 500 words)

Please describe any previous research experiences. If this will be your first research experience, please indicate that. (maximum 500 words)

How do you think participating in this research project will contribute to your educational and career goals? (maximum 500 words)

Optional question: Are there additional factors in your background or life experience that would help you benefit from this opportunity? Discuss social, economic, educational, or other obstacles, as appropriate. (500 word maximum)

Submit your application to katherine.covey@uconn.edu by midnight, Sunday, October 3.