

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

2020 Summer Research Fellowships

Applications are now being accepted for the Undergraduate and Graduate Summer Research Fellowships for the summer of 2020. This is a competitive award intended for students who actively engage in research with one of the Department's faculty. The award amounts are \$3,000 for undergraduate and \$3,600 for graduate students to support the equivalent of 8 weeks of full-time research in a laboratory in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry.

Application deadline: Friday, March 20 at 5 pm.

Please submit your application on time. We will not be able to accommodate late submissions.

ELIGIBILITY

- Bachelor's or Master's degree candidate majoring in Chemistry or Biochemistry at SFSU.
- Must have a GPA of ≥ 3.0 (undergraduate students), or ≥ 3.2 (graduate students).
- Students do NOT need to be a US citizen or a permanent resident to be eligible for this fellowship.
- Undergraduate students must have a research mentor, and have completed a minimum of 4 semesters of chemistry courses including at least one laboratory course (or a course that has a laboratory component).
- Graduate students must have a thesis advisor, and have completed one semester of coursework and research as a graduate student at SFSU at the time of application.

ADDITIONAL FAQs

- Students who will not be enrolled at SFSU in the Chemistry & Biochemistry program in the Fall of 2020 are eligible to apply. However, preference will be given to those students who will be enrolled in Fall 2020.
- SFSU undergraduate students who have been accepted into the SFSU Master's program beginning Fall 2020 are eligible for an undergraduate award.
- Students may be awarded a Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Summer Research Fellowship in combination with other summer support or fellowships, such as MARC and RISE. If awarded, these students will receive a partial Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Summer Research Fellowship for the time period not covered by the other support or fellowship.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Students awarded this fellowship must commit to the equivalent of 8 weeks of full-time work in a research lab at SFSU **and** present their research results in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021. Presentations could be at a research conference, COSE Student Project Showcase, or in the form of a public oral presentation of MS Thesis (CHEM 898) or Culminating Experience Work (CHEM 895).

EVALUATION

Applications will be evaluated on: (1) student description of their research project, (2) how engagement in independent research will impact the academic and professional development of the applicant (i.e., student responses to Q5 and Q6 of application form), (3) recommendation from research mentor, and (4) how the applicant's summer research will impact the mentor's research program.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available from the Department website (<http://www.chemistry.sfsu.edu>) and from the Department office (chemist@sfsu.edu). Please **email** the completed application form, description of proposed research project, and an unofficial copy of transcript to tkomada@sfsu.edu. A letter of recommendation from the student's faculty research mentor should also be emailed to tkomada@sfsu.edu (see application form about what should be included in the letter). Late submissions will not be accepted.