

Dear Faculty:

We are pleased to announce the availability of research and creative project support scholarships for projects to be presented at the **2008 Undergraduate Research Conference (URC)** at Minnesota State University Mankato. Applications should be submitted to the Research and Sponsored Programs Office (Wigley 325) by October 12 at 4:00 pm.

Three types of funding opportunities are available:

1. Minnesota State Foundation Student Research Awards (\$1,000 student salary and up to \$1,000 supplies)
2. Undergraduate Research Conference Large Grants: \$850-\$1,100 (\$600 student salary and \$250 or \$500 supplies)
3. Undergraduate Research Conference Small Grants: \$250 or \$500 supplies

The mission of the Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is to promote high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research, scholarship and creative work. An annual university-wide conference is held during the spring semester that helps support the mission of the URC. Students will present their research utilizing a variety of forms including: poster sessions, presentations through software, oral presentations, or other creative forms.

The URC is an excellent opportunity for students to become involved in an investigative/creative process and provides the opportunity for students to add to the growing body of information in a variety of fields. These experiences can tremendously strengthen students' applications for jobs, graduate schools, and professional schools.

Informational flyers have been distributed around campus to heighten student awareness. You can help make this important program a greater success by sharing this information with students.

Additional URC funding information is available at the URC website:

<http://www.mnsu.edu/research/URC/>

Please contact us, or the URC Graduate Assistant, Rachel Collins, if you have any questions regarding the Undergraduate Research Conference.

Thank you,

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