What Information Is Required for

DCUR Drapeau Summer Research Grants?

Please note: This document is for information only. To apply, go to [Competition Review Nexus](#).

Description of the program:

The **Drapeau Summer Grant Program** supports undergraduate students who are engaged in full-time research or creative activity for at least eight weeks during the summer at Southern Miss. Awardees receive a $4,000 summer stipend and may request a supplement of up to $1,000 additional funding to support their project. The Center typically awards one or two summer grants each year, depending on available funds. The competition for this award is held annually during the spring semester. **The application deadline is March 15.** This program is made possible by generous contributions from our alumnus, Mr. Donald Drapeau.

Evaluation criteria for your proposal:

- Completeness of your proposal and adherence to all required content, format, and use of sources.
- Quality of your writing (including grammatical, spelling and/or punctuation errors) and organization of the proposal text.
- Thoroughness and clarity of your project description.
- Articulation of your project's relevance for your scholarly or professional development.
- Detail and feasibility of your proposed project plan (approaches, methods, timeline).
- Appropriateness of length and timing of the requested funding period for the scope of your project.
- Appropriateness of your travel plans, if applicable (venue, location, transportation), and consideration of cost sharing opportunities (note: cost-sharing is not a prerequisite for an award but is a consideration in grant programs administration).
- Detail of your proposed budget and appropriateness for your project.
- Strength and detail of your mentor's support statement.
- Your overall understanding of your proposed project.

General advice for your application:

Remember that you are applying for a competitively awarded grant; your writing should be formal, careful, and professional. While your tone should be professional, the proposal review committee, which will evaluate the merits of your request for funding, consists of a group of faculty representatives from different academic disciplines. Since reviewers may not be experts in your specific area, you should **explain concepts and define acronyms clearly for a general collegiate audience**.

Proofread your application prior to submission to eliminate grammar, spelling and punctuation errors that might detract the reviewers' attention from the message you want to convey and may lower your reviewer scores.

If you are part of an undergraduate student research team, you may list up to two co-applicants.

Instructions for your project description:

Your statement about the **origination of the project idea** should also explain how this project fits into your broader educational and professional goals and may contain phrases like *"This project is part of the ongoing research in my professor's group (or some other research setting)", "I came up with this idea when…"*, etc. Please also mention whether your project will receive course credit (which course?).

To support your statements pertaining to **objectives and significance of your project**, use in-text citations of appropriate sources, followed by a full-citation bibliography. If you are asking for travel support, please explain the purpose of your travel and the benefits to your project. If you are seeking funding to attend a conference, show, competition, or exhibition, indicate whether you will be presenting, performing or exhibiting and whether you have already been accepted to do so.

In your **project plan**, you should include any specialty materials, software or equipment, as well as access to archives, facilities etc. that will be necessary for you to successfully execute and complete your project, and any preliminary results you have obtained up to this point (if applicable). If you need resources not available at Southern Miss (e.g., a unique instrument or manuscript) to complete the project, please include a statement in this section indicating the steps you have taken to secure access to those resources. If you have undergraduate co-applicants, please explain their roles in the proposed project. Your **expected project outcomes** should also address briefly how the outcomes will contribute to the scholarly/artistic community and/or to society.

Your discussion of **dissemination of your project outcomes** should include specific venues (conferences, symposia, journals, festivals, juried shows, etc.) appropriate to your field, their locations and dates as applicable.

You are expected to work on your project for at least 40 hours per week for at least eight weeks during the summer. You should therefore develop your **project timeline** accordingly and provide a detailed plan that includes milestones for the completion of your project during the summer (and the following fall, if applicable).

Information you will be asked to provide in your application (* indicates required):

*Applicant First Name:
*Applicant Last Name:
*Student ID:
*Email Address:
*Phone Number:
*Major: *(Choose from list of official Southern Miss Majors)*
Second Major (if applicable): *(Choose from list of official Southern Miss Majors)*
Minor(s):
*Projected Graduation Semester and Year:
*I am affiliated with:

    Select 1 to 2 choices

        Honors College

        McNair Program

        None of the Above

*Home Town and State

*If your proposal is selected for funding, you will receive a DCUR t-shirt. Please select a size:

    Small

    Medium

    Large

    X-Large

    2XL

    3XL

    4XL

    I do not want a t-shirt.

*In the following fields, please provide the name and contact information of your USM faculty mentor who is familiar with and supports this project.: *(Provide your mentor's name in the first box)*

*Faculty Mentor Email:

*Faculty Mentor School: *(Choose from a list of Southern Miss Academic Schools)*

Proposal Details ⌄

*Proposal Title:

*If you are seeking supplemental funding, please explain in 1-3 sentences how you will use the supplement (e.g. travel during summer or fall, commodities, equipment, stipend).: *150 word limit*

*The origin of and your interest in your project: A personal statement that explains how your project originated, why you are interested in pursuing this topic, how it is connected to your career plans, and what your personal goals and expectations are for your project.: *250 word limit*

*Description of objectives and significance of your project: Please describe your central scholarly question or the purpose of your project and explain the overall objectives for and significance of your project.: *600 word limit*

*Your project plan and expected outcomes: Please describe how you plan to approach your project (creative process, research design and/or methods), anticipated results, products, and/or other outcomes.: *500 word limit*

*Dissemination of your project outcomes: Please describe how you will disseminate your project outcomes (e.g. presentations, publications, performances, juried shows, web pages).: *150 word limit*

*Project completion timeline: After consulting your faculty mentor, please provide a detailed plan that includes milestones for the completion of your project during the summer semester for which you seek financial support.: *150 word limit*

*Does your project require IRB or IACUC approval?: *(Yes or No)*

If project requires IRB or IACUC approval, please enter protocol number below. If approval has not yet been received, please explain below.: *300 word limit*

Upload Files ⌄

*CITI Training

All students applying for DCUR funds must have completed the basic CITI training course. Instructions and a link to the CITI training courses can be found here. Please upload the certificate here.

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*Supplement Budget

If requesting the additional research/creative project supplement, please use the document "Supplement Budget Form" provided in the Competition Files. Upload the completed form here.

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*Mentor Support Statement

The document "Mentor Support Form" provided in the Competition Files must be completed by your USM faculty mentor listed above. Upload the completed form here.

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Save or Submit Your Application

Click the Save as Draft button if you would like to return later to complete your application (below left). Click the Submit Application button when you are ready to submit your application (below right).

Add Other Email Addresses for Notifications

Use the form below to have other email addresses included on all communications from the competition system.

Enter recipient(s) email address(es): *Separate email addresses with commas*

Student Agreement

By submitting this grant application, I am indicating my agreement with/commitment to the following statements:

- My mentor provided guidance but I have written this application myself.
- I understand that a faculty committee of the Drapeau Center for Undergraduate Research at The University of Southern Mississippi will review this proposal, as well as my student transcript and GPA as available on SOAR.
- I agree to pursue my scholarly/creative project (at least 150 cumulative hours are expected) and/or my travel during the requested project period and will complete the project before I graduate from Southern Miss.
- If I am proposing to collect data from human or animal subjects, I understand that I must receive IRB or IACUC approval, respectively, before doing so.
- I will present the results of my scholarly/creative project at the Southern Miss Undergraduate Symposium on Research and Creative Activity (UGS; held every spring) and will attend and participate in the professional development opportunities organized by DCUR.
- I will use the funds consistent with my budget and will bring any significant budgetary changes to the attention of DCUR for approval.
- I will submit a final report to DCUR within two weeks after the project period ends (last semester for which funds are awarded). In the report, I will discuss the outcome of the project and detail how my DCUR grant funds were spent.
- I understand that any unused funds must be returned to DCUR.
- I understand that acceptance of a DCUR stipend may affect my financial aid package.

Save as Draft or Submit Application