

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CAS Scholarships for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity in Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts

Application deadline: March 26, 2026

Award amount: \$3000-\$5000

Contact: CAS Grant and Fellowship Support cas.gfs@wsu.edu

Purpose

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is pleased to provide research funding to undergraduate students in social sciences, humanities, or arts who are engaged in research or creative activity. Scholarships of \$3000-\$5000 will be awarded to recipients for summer 2026 or the 2026-27 academic year. Applicants must have a current declared major within CAS in a liberal arts degree program and be in good standing. Projects must be guided/supervised by a tenure- or career-track faculty member in CAS.

Application

The online application link can be found at <https://cas.wsu.edu/gfs/internal-funding-opportunities/>. All questions and documents are mandatory, including the following:

1. Research/Creative Activity Description

The applicant must provide **non-technical** responses as outlined below:

- a. A brief statement introducing yourself and your academic profile and interests. (250 characters max)
- b. An explanation of your overall engagement with research, scholarship, or creative activities. (1000 characters max)
- c. A description of your current or planned research, scholarship, or creative activity and its significance. (1500 characters max)

Descriptions should be written for an audience of reviewers across all CAS disciplines, with minimal use of jargon or technical language.

2. Faculty Support Letter (not to exceed 1 page)

The sponsoring faculty mentor or mentors must have their primary appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences. The letter should include:

- a. Confirmed agreement to support and actively supervise the research, scholarship, or creative activity described by the student.
- b. Description of the activities in which the mentor(s) and the student will work together.
- c. The faculty mentor may alternately submit a confidential letter to cas.gfs@wsu.edu.

3. Resume (not to exceed 1 page)

Provide a one-page résumé that includes, but is not limited to, applicant name, WSU ID number, e-mail address, academic accomplishments, relevant course work, declared major, and anticipated date of graduation.

Eligibility

- Applicants must meet the standard [eligibility requirements for CAS scholarships](#), including but not limited to, enrollment during the 2026-27 academic year and admission to a CAS major.
- Students must be in good standing in order to receive CAS support.

Review Criteria

The CAS Review Committee will assess applications and make recommendations to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies regarding priority for support. The Review Committee will score applications on:

- Originality, importance, and overall merit of the proposed activity.
- Applicant's preparation and current involvement in undergraduate research, scholarship, or creative activity.
- Faculty/department commitment to supporting the student.
- Quality of presentation and clarity of expression.

Terms and Conditions of Award

Award funds will be deposited into departmental accounts for the student's use. Funds may be used for salary, travel, supplies, or other expenses in accordance with all WSU policies.

Award recipients are required to submit an abstract to the 2027 Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) or other professional presentation.

The successful applicant will be required to submit a final report by May 1, 2027. The report may be in the form of a scholarly paper, or a short written summary that accompanies a creative product, such as a collection of poetry or an electronic audio or video file documenting a creative activity. **Submit final reports to CAS Grants and Fellowship Support at cas.gfs@wsu.edu.**

Deadline

Complete and submit the online application no later than **5pm on March 26, 2026**.

Questions

Questions may be directed to cas.gfs@wsu.edu or to scholarships@wsu.edu.