

SUNY Undergraduate Excellence in Research Award 2026-2027

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are students who will graduate in December 2026 eligible for this award?

A: No. Students must be currently enrolled undergraduates during the spring 2027 semester to be eligible for this award.

Q: What should we do if a student has participated in multiple research projects? Which one should we select for their nomination?

A: For students who have participated in several excellent research projects, the nomination packet should include the project that the student worked on with the nominating faculty mentor.

Q: Is a student eligible if their research was conducted under the guidance of a faculty member from a different SUNY than the student's home campus?

A: Yes. Students' research can be with any current SUNY faculty member.

Q: Are online students eligible for this award?

A: Yes. As long as an online student meets all other eligibility criteria, their research projects can and should be considered for this award.

Q: Do students need to be able to attend the [SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference](#) to be eligible for this award?

A: No. We hope all student nominees will join us at a SURC conference site this year, but it is not a requirement for a student to be eligible or to win this award.

Q: Are there word or character limits for the narrative questions on the application?

A: Yes. Most long answer questions will have a character limit shown on the Google form. You can view a word version of the full application with character limits shown on our [Awards website](#).

Q: Can a student know if they have been selected as our campus nominee?

A: Yes. Students will need to provide some information as part of the campus selection process so that the campus is able to provide this information as part of the nomination submitted by the campus to SUNY System Administration; therefore, the student will know they are being considered as their campus nominee for this award.

Q: Are we required to provide student status in relation to Pell, First-generation, AmeriCorps, or Veteran status?

A: As part of the final selection process, preference will be given to candidates who are from a low-income background (Pell grant recipients), first generation college students, AmeriCorps alumni, and/or veterans. As part of the campus selection process, we recommend informing students of this and asking them to affirm their permission to share this information with SUNY System Administration if they are the campus nominee.

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