

FURF Student Application

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* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

Fellowship & Application Information

The Fralin Undergraduate Research Fellowship program is a competitive award program that is open to all Virginia Tech undergraduates with a goal of increasing diversity in research. Fifteen (15) fellowships of \$1,350 are awarded annually to individual students demonstrating academic capability and a strong interest in undergraduate research, to enable them to conduct research with a Virginia Tech faculty mentor over the course of one academic year. Students will apply to the program during late spring and early summer, to begin their research projects in the fall.

Program Eligibility

Students from any academic discipline are eligible for this award. Preference will be given to students who are in the 2nd and 3rd year of their academic major with at least one academic year remaining at VT. Students must have the commitment of a faculty mentor before they apply for an award. Upon submission of this application the faculty mentor listed will be asked for their approval in order for your application to be reviewed. Research projects are not restricted to the student's primary area of study (major). Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary projects are welcomed. Students from underrepresented groups (including, but not limited to, ethnic minorities, first generation college students, students from low income areas, students with disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Program Expectations

Students are required to conduct about 12 hours of research per week with a Virginia Tech faculty member during BOTH the fall and spring semesters of one academic year. Students will receive a fellowship of \$675 at the end of each semester of research, for the duration of one academic year. Students are required to meet with Dr. Dennis Dean, Founding Director of the Fralin Life Science Institute, at least once during the research year, likely at a small group luncheon. Students are expected to present their research results at the end of the research year at VT's spring undergraduate

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Students will conduct research with a faculty member who has already agreed to mentor them, working on an ongoing or new project of mutual agreement between student and mentor. The student does not need to design a unique project. OUR Ambassadors are available to help students who need guidance in finding a research project and mentor (<https://research.undergraduate.vt.edu/about/ambassadors.html>).

Application Instructions

In order to apply for a Fralin Undergraduate Research fellowship you must:

1. Complete all sections of this application form and submit the form.
2. Attach an unofficial copy of your transcript.
3. Your faculty mentor will be supplied with a short form stating their approval.

Please see the FURF program webpage (<https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/ugr-opportunities/vt-programs/furf.html>) for current application deadline.

If you have any questions about this program or the application process, please contact Keri Swaby in the Office of Undergraduate Research (email: kswaby@vt.edu).

Student Information

1. First name *

2. Middle initial

3. Last name *

4. VT e-mail address *

Demographic Information

The information you provide in this application will be kept private and confidential and will not be shared or used in any other way than evaluating your application.

5. Citizenship

- US
- Permanent Resident
- Non-citizen
- Other

6. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Other

7. Please select your race (select all that apply)

- African American/ Black
- American Indian/ Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander
- White/ Caucasian
- Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin

8. Are you a first-generation college student?

Definition: Neither parent completed a Bachelor's (4-year college) degree or higher. This includes if either/both parent(s) received an Associate's degree. Likewise, if your parents attended a 4-year college, but did not graduate, you are considered first generation. The same if you have siblings who have attended and graduated from a 4-year college(s).

- Yes
- No

9. Have you been diagnosed with any of the following (select all that apply)?

- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism Spectrum
- Blind/Visually Impaired
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Learning Disability
- Medical
- Mobility/Physical
- None
- Other

10. Do you self-identify with any of the following underrepresented groups:

- Ethnic Minority
- First Generation
- Transfer
- Low Income

11. Do you identify with any other underrepresented group?

Academic Information

12. Primary major *

13. College of your primary major

- CALS
- CAAD
- CLAHS
- CNRE
- PCOB
- COE
- COS
- Undecided/University Studies
- Honors College

14. Additional major(s)

15. Minor(s)

16. When will you graduate with your bachelor's degree? *

- Spring 2024
- Fall 2024
- Spring 2025
- Fall 2025
- Spring 2026
- Other

17. Completed course credits in your primary (current) major (as of the beginning of the Fall semester) *

- 29 credits or less (1st year in major)
- 30-59 credits (2nd year in major)
- 60-89 credits (3rd year in major)
- 90 or more credits (4th year in major)

18. Please upload your unofficial transcript as a PDF file. Name the file as follows LastName_FirstName. *

**When you pull up your unofficial transcript online, select all, copy and then paste into a Microsoft Word document. Then you can save as a .doc file or print to .pdf or save as .pdf

 **Upload file**

File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 100MB Allowed file types: PDF

Faculty Mentor Information

19. Faculty mentor's first name *

20. Faculty mentor's last name *

21. Faculty mentor's e-mail *

22. Faculty mentor 's primary department *

Project Information

23. Title of proposed research project *

24. In your own words, describe your proposed research project including

- 1) Statement of the research question(s) or goals(s) of project
- 2) Purpose of the study (i.e. big picture and where it fits in)
- 3) Methods or description of analytic processes to be used. *

25. Why is this area of research of interest or important to you? *

Personal Statement Questions

Please provide responses to each of the following questions. All questions must be answered in order to submit a complete application. Your responses should be a maximum of 250 words.

26. Please list your extracurricular and student leadership activities. *

27. Is there any particular extracurricular activity you are particularly passionate about or proud of, and why?

28. Do you have any previous research experience? *

Yes

No

29. Please list your prior research experience(s) and briefly describe each project, including:

1. When you participated in the project and length of the project.
2. Name of your research mentor.
3. Title of your project.
4. Was the project for pay/credit/voluntary/other?

30. What sort of research experience and new skills do you hope to gain through your proposed project?

31. Please describe what you hope to gain from participation in the FURF program. *

32. What are your career goals and how do you think participation in the FURF program might contribute to your career plans and related decisions? *

33. What does diversity in research mean to you? *

34. How did you hear about the Fralin Undergraduate Research Fellowship? *

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