

Pepsi Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavor Grant

INSTRUCTIONS

General Information:

1. The goal of the Pepsi Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavor Grant (Pepsi Grant) is to support student costs while doing a semester-long research or creative endeavor individualized project under the mentorship of a faculty.
2. The program may be completed in Fall, Spring, or Summer.
3. The program provides \$1,000 that will go into the student's financial aid and cover any charges they may have.
 - 3.1. If awarded, \$1,000 will be applied to the student's eBill at the beginning of the selected semester.
 - 3.2. In certain circumstances, other financial aid the student receives may result in their award being reduced. All financial aid the student receives cannot exceed the total cost of attendance.
4. The faculty mentor will receive \$250 into their RIA account to help offset the costs associated with the project. This amount is for each student they mentor in the Pepsi Grant.
5. Submissions will be evaluated based on completeness and clarity. GPA will also be considered. Funding is limited, and awards will be offered pending availability of funds.

Eligibility:

6. Students must be enrolled at Ball State in the semester they are receiving the Pepsi Grant for at least 1 credit. The credit can be from any course and does not need to be related to the project.
7. The Pepsi Grant is for undergraduate students in the 3rd or 4th year, or who already have some research experience. (For students in the 1st or 2nd year with no research experience, the [Teacher-Scholar Program](#) is available).
8. Each student may receive the Pepsi Grant only once.
9. The student must have a Ball State faculty mentor who agrees to be responsible for supervising the student during the execution of the research or creative endeavor project.
10. The research or creative endeavor project must be developed together by the student and the mentor, and must be already developed by the time this application is submitted.
11. Each faculty member may mentor up to 2 students per semester in this program, with a maximum of 4 students per academic year.

Exclusions:

12. If a student meets the eligibility criteria for the [Teacher-Scholar Program](#), they must apply to that program and their application to the Pepsi Grant will not be considered.
13. The Pepsi Grant will not be awarded to a student concurrently with other grants, fellowships, or scholarships offered by Ball State that provide compensation to the student for doing research or creative endeavors (e.g., the [Pathways Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#), the [Honors](#)

- [Undergraduate Fellows Program](#), etc.). However, the Pepsi Grant may be held concurrently with other grants that fund supplies and travel only (e.g., the ASPIRE Undergraduate Student Programs).
14. The Pepsi Grant is available regardless of whether students earn course credit for the project or not. However, students may only earn course credit if the project is part of an individualized experience course (e.g., Independent Study or Supervised Research) with a maximum enrollment of six students.

Expectations and time commitment:

15. The mentor is expected to provide extended individualized supervision on the student's project.
16. The mentor is expected to have one-on-one weekly meetings (in person or via Zoom) with the student.
17. The student is expected to work on the project at least 5 hours/week (10 hours/week for a Summer half term).
18. The project is expected to produce a tangible product. For example, a creative piece, a poster, or oral presentation, which the student will showcase at a public event on or off campus (e.g., the Student Symposium at Ball State). Alternatively, the product could be the publication of a book chapter or an article in a journal within the field with the student as co-author.
19. A final report will need to be submitted at the end of the semester explaining if the expected outcomes were met.
20. For students doing the project in the Summer semester, here are some resources to consider for summer housing, both [on-campus](#) and [off-campus](#).