

Russell and Anna Duncan Undergraduate Research Scholars Program

Online Application: <https://forms.gle/xPZXfKYxqNPwhFuD9>

Due Date: April 15, 2026

Documents to Upload with Application

Please prepare the following documents to upload with your application (PDF preferred):

- 1) Responses to the Research Information questions below.
- 2) A statement from the faculty mentor confirming their commitment to oversee the student's proposed research.
- 3) Unofficial Transcript (including previous fall semester's coursework)

Research Information

Please type your responses to the questions below. Each response should be no more than 300 words. All answers must be written by the student—do not copy and paste from your mentor's research proposals.

- 1) Description of research project: problem statement, research objective, research methodology
- 2) Description of how student research project relates to, supports, or complements the mentoring faculty's research program.
- 3) Description of how research results relate/apply to agriculture in the Upper Great Plains and/or more globally.
- 4) A plan to prepare a research paper, abstract, poster or presentation at a professional meeting outside of the state.
- 5) Describe how the proposed research offers the student opportunity to learn about: research method(s); professional growth/development; how research is conceptualized and conducted; research ethics; professional/career growth.
- 6) Describe how the proposed research offers a meaningful research experience that can lead toward future research opportunities.
- 7) Description of use of budget: Describe how you will use the \$3,000 award. It may be used for travel to the academic conference where you present results of your research, supplies for the research (should be limited to \$700) or as payment for part of the time you put into performing the research.