

Describe the project\* to be undertaken for your SURE award, writing for a general academic audience (not necessarily someone in your specific field). Your essay should be maximum three pages, single-spaced, 12-point font and uploaded as a pdf.

You are expected to dialogue with your Research Advisor for *feedback* on your research question/hypothesis, availability of appropriate resources, and to clarify the research goals. Your advisor may also provide feedback on your proposal's writing (clarity, typos, etc.) but it is critical that you are the primary author of your proposal. Be sure to compose this narrative with care, cite references appropriately, and address the points listed below; poorly written, incomplete, or carelessly prepared applications are unlikely to receive funding. Applications that appear to be written by the research advisor are also unlikely to be funded.

- A brief overview of the research project – *what does the reader need to know to understand your project and why this is work important (scope)?* Use appropriate reference citations, where applicable (use the citation format standard for your field).
- A clear statement of the research question(s) or hypothesis(es) underlying the work to be done. *What is the end goal of this research project?* In this section, illustrate how this work will develop knowledge that you have already acquired through your coursework and/or prepare you for more advanced study in your field.
- The specific sequence of research tasks that you will complete during the project. Provide a rough timeline to indicate how long you expect to spend on each stage of research. *How will you work toward answering your research question(s)? Do you already know these techniques, or will you learn them, or both?*
- The anticipated outcomes for you (e.g., learn new research techniques, assess existing scholarship on the topic, generate preliminary data for a thesis proposal or a presentation, etc.). Other than answering the research question, what will you gain from this experience?
- If you have previously held a SURE award, place this proposal in context of your previous SURE. *What were the outcomes from your previous SURE award? How does this proposal continue or complement the work from your previous SURE award? (Only for previous SURE awardees.)*

**\*Note: while the term "research" is used, please note that students from all CAS majors are encouraged to apply and projects spanning the areas of research, scholarship, and creative activity (RSCA) are welcome.**