

Research Grants

Purpose:

This policy outlines the administrative guidelines of the ASA Research Grant Program.

Policy:

- From the principle the interest will be made available in the form of grants, with the exception of 10% of the interest which will be taken and added to the principle. This will allow the principle to grow, keeping pace with inflation.
- The grants are available only to students in their third or fourth academic year.
- Grants may be distributed to as many applicants as the subcommittee administering the program sees fit.
- Applications must come jointly from a student and faculty member.
- A subcommittee of the ASC, chaired by the Vice-President Finance & Operations will administer the program and select recipients. The committee will consist of the VP Finance & Operations, a faculty member appointed by Faculty-in-Session, and three other student members chosen from the ASC or if none are available, from the student body at large. Of the three student members, no two may be from the same division and at least one student must be working towards a Bachelor of Arts and one a Bachelor of Science degree.
- Successful applications should have:
 - a creative research and/or employment program to pursue,
 - a clear idea of how this program will aid the student, the faculty member, and the Augustana Faculty community in the future,
 - students are strongly encouraged to provide a rough time line for the research program to clarify disbursement dates and increase the aforementioned demonstrated commitment to following through with the program,
 - strong references, and
 - high academic performance.
- No priority will be given to employment programs which fulfill already existing programs or are purely administrative in nature (i.e. filing, "paperwork", marking multiple choice exams, etc.). Funds will not be released for programs in which students are receiving credit. Applications which allow students to pursue research or seek to integrate a student into faculty research in a way that benefits both faculty and staff are encouraged.
- Successful applicants must make a full written and/or verbal report to the ASC prior to the end of the research program. Reports to the ASC must demonstrate an acceptable use of funds. In the event the ASC deems the employment program is being abused in any way, ASC reserves the right to withhold the remainder of the grant pending approval by both ASC and the Student Review Board.
- Any continuing research from a directed reading or other studies prior to the ASA Research Grant program must submit two reports: one on the research already completed as well as the final report at the end of the program. This is to ensure that funding is provided only for research done in the duration of the program.
- Funding will be disbursed in two (2) instalments: one halfway through the research and one following the final report to the ASC. The student will be expected to provide a brief verbal or written update prior to the first disbursement.

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- Evaluations from the professor and the student are recommended for the close of the program, included along with the final report.
- Disbursement will begin with the subsequent ASA fiscal year (June 1st).
- Application must include a short statement about the research by the faculty member along with their supervising signature, and a rough time line for the research program as per point 6 above.