

Dear Students, Colleagues, and Friends of Fairfield University:



Academic excellence is a hallmark of Fairfield University's Catholic Jesuit educational mission. Our students' creative accomplishments and research projects offer clear evidence of how we pursue this mission in diverse ways that take students from our science laboratories to countries across the globe. Fairfield University fosters our students' intellectual and creative growth by affording them opportunities to engage in collaborative work with individual faculty members.

Such collaborations advance innovative thinking and enact our Jesuit values of "cura personalis," care of the whole person, accompaniment on the intellectual, cultural, spiritual journey, and engagement with the world to do good. Committed faculty closely mentor individuals or groups of students through research projects, service learning, international immersion trips, and creative productions. Whether at home or abroad, locating our learning within the Jesuit commitment to global citizenship informs these collaborative experiences.

These exciting endeavors, of course, require funding beyond the University's various operating budgets. We are fortunate that some alumni and friends of Fairfield University recognize the value of our educational mission and generously established funds to help support these faculty/student collaborative ventures. This brochure describes the current funding possibilities to help us continue to encourage and increase these collaborative intellectual and cultural experiences, so valuable to all our Fairfield students.

Fairfield University celebrates these innovative projects every April at our annual Innovative Research Symposium. Students share the outcomes of their intellectual efforts with our campus and wider community through poster sessions, video presentations, and other creative works and demonstrations. This exciting day showcases the diversity of intellectual and creative expression that marks our commitment to innovation and academic excellence rooted in our Jesuit values. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

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RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS





FUND NAME	PURPOSE	MAJORS
The McGauley Family Faculty/Student Research Endowment	<i>To support faculty/student research and curriculum development.</i>	College of Arts & Sciences
Dr. Robert and Patricia Femia Science Endowment	<i>To provide assistance for science faculty/ student research and mentorship and student leadership development opportunities.</i>	Science
Hardiman Scholars Fund	<i>To provide funds for students to engage in research projects, including 1) materials and resources; 2) travel to engage in research or present their research findings at a conference or similar venue; and 3) housing while research is being completed.</i>	All Majors
Lawrence Family Faculty Student Mentor Program	<i>To promote faculty-student mentoring and research opportunities University-wide.</i>	Preference to School of Nursing and College of Arts & Sciences
Mancini Family Faculty Student Research Fund	<i>To provide funds for student and faculty research in the College of Arts and Sciences.</i>	College of Arts & Sciences
Kathleen McGuinness Mentorship Program	<i>To provide assistance for faculty/student research & mentorship and student leadership development opportunities.</i>	All Majors
The Risica Family Faculty/Student CAS History Department Research Fund	<i>To support the history department faculty who are engaged in research and mentoring with undergraduate students within the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as students doing historical research outside the History Department.</i>	Preference to History Majors
Emily and Daniel E. Brennan, Sr. Endowed Fund	<i>To support undergraduate immersion and international University sponsored experiences.</i>	All Majors
Vincent Rosivach Collaborative Research Fund	<i>To promote co-operative faculty-student research on the undergraduate level, especially in areas where such research is not common practice.</i>	All Majors
Thomas J. Hulseman '87 Current Use Fund for Student Global Experiential Learning	<i>Provides funding for students who require financial assistance to fulfill their wish to travel to foreign countries as part of their educational experience at Fairfield.</i>	All Majors

The deadlines to apply for research and global engagement grants are October 15 and March 8.



INNOVATIVE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Students who engage in research and travel grants will present their research projects at the annual Innovative Research Symposium in April. The Symposium showcases the rich diversity of student research from across academic disciplines, including Capstone Nursing and Health Studies projects, research by Sigma Xi students in the natural sciences, mathematics, and psychology, and undergraduate, graduate, and independent projects.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Students who pursue research and travel grants are required to present at the Innovative Research Symposium. Additional requirements are noted below and may vary by grant. Please contact the Office of the Provost for specific requirements.

Undergraduate GPA 3.0+; Graduate GPA 3.5+; Team Average GPA 3.0+

For more information please contact the Office of the Provost at researchsymposium@fairfield.edu.



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