

The Honors College at UT Arlington

Summer 2026 Undergraduate Research Fellowships

Note: Completed applications are due via email (honors@uta.edu) by 5 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2026. The faculty recommendation letter should be sent directly by the faculty mentor to Dr. Makenzie Whitener via email (makenzie.whitener@uta.edu).

The Honors College is pleased to announce that Undergraduate Research Fellowships will be available to Honors students during Summer 2026. Each Research Fellow will be paid \$13/hour for working/researching up to 25 hours a week over the course of the 11-week summer semester.

Undergraduate Research Fellowships (URFs) are intended to provide Honors students with hands-on research experience in any academic discipline. Students work under faculty mentorship to gain important research skills and contribute to projects that are a vital part of the academic experience, and that provide a realistic foundation for advanced studies.

Conditions of Eligibility

All Honors students who have completed a minimum of 24 hours of college credits, are in good academic standing, and who are continuing their studies at UT Arlington are eligible to apply. Degreed undergraduates and those who have held an Honors Summer Fellowship in previous years are not eligible to apply.

Terms of the Appointment

The Fellowship appointments are for up to 25 hours per week during the 11-week summer semester. Students are expected to be committed to the URF, and any outside commitments (jobs, classes) need pre-approval from the Honors College.

Application Process

Students must complete the application, which requires a personal statement and research proposal. The research proposal must be prepared in collaboration with a full-time instructor or tenured/tenure-track faculty member at UT Arlington. The personal statement, research proposal, and Capstone Project Proposal form (if applicable) must be submitted as one document.

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to applicants who have:

- Developed a research proposal in collaboration with a full-time instructor or tenured/tenure-track faculty member at UT Arlington (faculty MUST be on campus/local during the summer);
- Clearly defined their research role and the overall significance of the research;
- Made timely progress toward the Honors degree; and
- Plan to attend graduate or professional school.

Deadline

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