The Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP) is directed through the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and administered by the Undergraduate Research Center - Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (URC-HASS).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM (URSP)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2016

The Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP) Scholarship is awarded to juniors and seniors who have a strong commitment to research, and who are completing a departmental honors thesis or a comprehensive 199 project during their junior or senior year. A comprehensive independent research project is an upper-division research project associated with enrollment in a departmental 199, 198 or 196 for 2 of the 3 quarters. This project must be completed under the mentorship of a UCLA faculty member.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Junior level standing or higher (at least 90 units but no more than 175 units by the upcoming Fall quarter)
- 3.25 GPA or higher
- Commitment to completing a departmental honors thesis or comprehensive research project.

Applications for the URSP are available in April each year on MyUCLA. The application is available under "Surveys" in the Features menu, or by clicking the Survey icon in the middle of the home page.

APPLICATION: Documents required for the application include:
- Research Statement: The most important document in your application is your research proposal (no more than 7,000 characters), which introduces the reader to the scope, importance and methodology of your research. The proposal should reflect the specific instructions available on the My.UCLA survey.
- Personal Statement (no more than 3,500 characters)
- Statement of Previous Undergraduate Research Experience (if applicable)
- Academic Plan (i.e. study list)
- Letter of recommendation from your faculty research mentor addressed to Dr. Patricia Turner and e-mailed by the faculty member to urhass@college.ucla.edu or delivered to the URC-HASS office.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the faculty letter of recommendation is received by the Undergraduate Research Center by the June 15th deadline. Please be sure to contact your faculty mentor EARLY to ensure that the letter is submitted on time on your behalf.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed; all application components are due by the June 15 deadline.

REQUIREMENTS (OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM):
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 units each quarter.
- Conduct research for three quarters as part of a 199, 198 or 196 course and complete a departmental honors thesis or comprehensive research project
- Present your findings at UCLA's Undergraduate Research Week
- Write and submit a departmental honors thesis or comprehensive research paper
- Submit a summary of your work and a photo for an online profile
- Write a thank you note to the donor that supported your research

AWARD INFORMATION: Junior URSP Scholars receive $3,000 annually, and Senior URSP Scholars receive $5,000 annually. The awards are divided equally between fall, winter, and spring quarters. Junior URSP Scholars are eligible to apply to be Senior URSP Scholars during senior year. While financial need is not required, some of the awards will be for students with established financial need.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID: The Undergraduate Research Scholarship will be part of your overall financial aid package. This means that if you receive an award, the Financial Aid office will adjust your financial aid package to ensure that you do not exceed your financial aid eligibility. If such an adjustment is made, loans and work-study award are reduced first, prior to grant or other scholarship reductions.

See our website for further information about the URSP at http://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/ursp.htm