



Florida Academy of Sciences

through the

Florida Endowment for the Sciences

Grants in Aid of Research for Undergraduate Students

at

Florida's Minority-Serving & Primarily Undergraduate Institutions

Description of the Program

Purpose: The Florida Academy of Sciences (FAS) supports a program of research grants for undergraduate STEM students at colleges and universities in Florida that have been officially designated as Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) and Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs). It is hoped that the grants will broaden the Academy's role in **encouraging research among students and their faculty mentors who are underrepresented** in its membership, on its Council, at its annual meetings, and in its peer-reviewed journal *Florida Scientist*.

Requirements:

The grant must be used for **equipment, supplies, or research travel funds** (not to attend meetings) needed by **specific undergraduate students** participating in faculty-mentored research activities in the 2024–2025 academic year. Salary and general stocking of supplies and equipment may not be supported. Expenditures must be in accordance with established policy of the home institution.

The institution must appoint a **faculty liaison** to serve for communication with FAS and to oversee the grant program on campus. The liaison may be an administrator with a faculty appointment. The liaison should insure that a faculty committee is established to invite, receive, and evaluate student proposals early in the academic year.

The institution is encouraged to join FAS as an **institutional member** for 2024, appointing the liaison as the institutional representative to receive FAS member benefits. (See www.flacademyofsciences.org/membership.) Membership is not, however, required.

By **31 May 2025**, the liaison must file a **written report** with the FAS Secretary detailing the names of students and titles of projects supported, general use of the grant funds, and any presentations, abstracts, or publications resulting from the support. Copies of abstracts and publications should accompany the report as evidence. Submission of other evidentiary material is welcome.

Oral and poster presentations, abstracts, and publications must **acknowledge** that the studies were “supported in part by a grant in aid of research from the Florida Endowment for the Sciences of the Florida Academy of Sciences.”

Amount of support: \$2,000 per annum, with funds provided to the institution by 31 July 2024

Number of grants awarded: **one per institution** for up to five institutions

Selection of recipient institutions: A selection committee appointed by the FAS Council will evaluate applications submitted by the deadline and choose the top five applications.

APPLICATION

Date of application:

Name of institution:

Requesting officer:

Title:

Designated faculty liaison:

Title:

Department or Unit:

Mailing address:

Office phone:

Email address:

Description of the undergraduate research program in STEM at your institution:

Mailing address for check:

Submit this application by 15 June 2024 as an attachment by email to:
flacademyofsciences@gmail.com

or in print by surface mail to:

Florida Academy of Sciences

P.O. Box 668

Melbourne FL 32902

NOTE: If submitted in print, be certain to provide additional pages for overflow text in the "Description" box above.