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Application Information

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Project Proposal

8. Name of Project/Program: \*

Scholars Program Conference Travel Fund

9. Please select which category best describes your project: \*

- Arts & Culture
- Athletics & Fitness
- Career & Work Training
- College Operations & Facilities
- Humanities/Social Sciences
- Science & Technology

10. Amount requested: \*

\$3500, though any amount would be helpful!

11. What do you propose to do? \*

Cover conference fees, at least some of the travel expenses, and possible equipment or other items for Scholars students to be able to run their research projects and present (if accepted) to 1 or more of 4 possible conferences.

12. Who will be involved in the project/program? \*

Students in the Scholars Program who are in the Scholars Research Group and who apply and are accepted to conferences. In 2025-26, there were a total of about 20 presentations across conferences in Fall and Spring, each with fees, and 2 of them involving overnight travel.

13. What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community? \*

The student research conferences, and the Scholars Research Group, provide rare lower-division experiences in research, including the selection of a topic of choice from across the curriculum, searching for and implementing source-support, preparing original work, organizing a presentation slide show, practicing it and receiving feedback from me and others in the group, meeting extensively with me individually through the process, presenting the project at the conference, and (as applicable) preparing a post-conference abstract or paper for the conference publication. Such experiences prepare students for research as well as the kind of pre-professional activity and scholarship that will serve them well in other classes at GCC, in upper-division work upon transfer, in graduate or professional study, and in their subsequent careers.

14. How does this project/program support the College's Institutional Strategic Plan? \*

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The research and conference experiences certainly have strong potential for being transformative forces in students' lives, as they foster the motivation to learn, knowledge and skills, communication abilities, and confidence from the effort to complete the project. All three of the Priority Areas of the Strategic Plan are involved: Inclusion, in that all students may apply to the Scholars Program and at least one of the conferences is open to all students, not just Scholars Program students; Success, in that the research and conference experiences are viable and valuable aspects of students' educational development; and Support, in that the research and conference experiences involve the implementation of the human, technological, fiscal, and physical resources necessary to facilitate student success. Also, the Research Group and individual meetings to support the preparation of projects are collaborative and highly supportive efforts to encourage and motivate students to do their very best work, perhaps beyond what they imagined they could accomplish.

15. Timeline for the project/program. \*

Beginning in the Summer, 2026, and proceeding throughout most of the academic year, with conferences in November, March, April, and May, 2027.

16. How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information. \*

The main use of the funds requested would be used to cover travel and lodging expenses, plus the conference fees. In 2025-26, conference fees ranged from \$50 to \$200 per participant. The Scholars Program covered up to a combined total (conference fees, travel, and hotel) of \$400 for each of the 6 participants who had overnight travel.

17. Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded. \*

For 2025-26, Scholars made use of the generous contribution of former Scholar Chris Cantore, who donated \$2000 in unrestricted funds through the Foundation, as he has in previous years, and for which I and the students are extremely grateful. Those funds helped defray much of the expenses (\$2400 in total) that were used to support--and enable--student travel to the conferences involving overnight stays.

18. How will the Foundation's support be recognized? \*

It will be included in the Acknowledgements of student presenters' slide shows; it will be announced to all Scholars; it will be announced to the GCC community via email. And I will thank you personally and with deep gratitude.

19. How do you plan to evaluate this project's success? \*

If successful, the funding project can be noted as a feature of the conference opportunities and perhaps encourage more students to join Research Group and apply to the conferences. My sense is that some students might hesitate to apply, not only because of the work involved, but also because of the expense. So an increase in Scholars student involvement in research is one measure of the project's success.

20. If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward? \*

It will make research more of a seamless confluence between classes and Research Group and conference applications and preparation. I will have an option to tailor research projects in classes, specifically my ENGL C1000H, ENGL C1002H, and Humanities 105H, so that they more directly aim for conferences. The same is true for other classes across the GCC curriculum. I would also like to look into developing an Honors Research course that Scholars would take, as some Honors programs currently do (Mt. San Jacinto College, to name one).

21. Please provide a 2 – 3 sentence summary of your project proposal. \*

This funding project provides financial support to students doing research and presenting it at research conferences, defraying the travel and conference-fee expenses. In doing so, it overtly and implicitly encourages students to take on and pursue the valuable set of skills that research and conferences involve.

## Signature and Acknowledgments

22. I hereby acknowledge/certify: \*

- My Dean or department head is aware of this application and has authorized its submission.
- If my proposal involves the hiring of temporary/contracted professionals, I will obtain approval from Human Resources before proceeding and will provide documentation to the Foundation that the hiring/contracting has been reviewed and approved.
- If my proposal involves conference and/or other travel, I will complete the GCC travel approval process and adhere to GCC travel guidelines.