

Rachel Carson College
**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT
PROJECT FUND Guidelines and
Application Form**

The Rachel Carson College Individual Student Project Fund is a modest fund to support undergraduate student research and special projects in the following four areas: (1) **academic research**; (2) **creative initiatives**; (3) **artistic endeavors**; (4) **special events**. Any registered Carson undergraduate student is eligible to submit an application for funding. All funding decisions will be based on the merit of the research/project, the extent to which the research/project will benefit the college and/or university community, and the available funds.

Eligibility Guidelines and Regulations

1. Applicants must be **registered undergraduate students affiliated with the college or declared within the sustainability studies minor** when the proposal is submitted and during the time the funds will be used. Students receiving funds for summer projects do not have to be registered for Summer Session but must be registered for the following fall or winter quarter.
2. Requests in excess of \$500 will not be considered.
3. Requests for research support will only be considered if the applicant is not already receiving pay or credits for the research. A letter from the research adviser confirming that the applicant is not receiving pay or credit is required.
4. Requests for projects that have already been completed will not be considered.
5. The Individual Student Project Fund cannot subsidize Education Abroad programs, class enrollment fees, salaries, or personal living expenses.
6. Requests for travel expenses to attend conferences, seminars, workshops, etc., will be considered only if the applicants have a paper or poster accepted for presentation and are endorsed, as a group, by a UC faculty member.
7. Except in the cases described in #4 (above), requests for transportation expenses will be given the lowest priority.
8. Low priority will be given to costly food budget items, particularly if the food is being given away as opposed to being sold. The nature of the program and the importance that food has in the overall program will be taken into consideration.
9. No project will be funded more than once through the Individual Student Project Fund. These funds cannot subsidize ongoing projects or recurring or annual events.
10. Campus accounting procedures specify that funds cannot be spent on gift items. Funding for gifts and mementos, including recognition or award plaques, will not be considered.
11. The Individual Student Project Fund will not provide monetary gifts to be turned over to another source. The sponsor of a project must apply for funds directly.

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Proposal Guidelines

1. All proposals must use the Individual Student Project Fund application cover sheet and an application checklist.
2. All proposals must also include a narrative description (not to exceed 3 pages, typed and double-spaced, in a 12 point font). Your narrative description should include a succinct overview of each of the following areas:
 - (a) background/needs assessment (what are you proposing and why?)
 - (b) objectives (what do you hope will come of your research or proposal?)
 - (c) procedures (how will you accomplish your objectives?)
 - (d) qualifications (describe your ability to carry out the project)
 - (e) dissemination of results (who will learn and/or benefit from your research or project and how will they learn of it?)

Please be as specific as possible in your narrative description.

3. All proposals must include a complete, itemized budget (preferably with price quotes from specific vendors).
4. An **electric copy** of your proposal must be sent to **swaghela@ucsc.edu** in **ordered to be considered.**

NOTE: Individual Student Project Fund awards will be distributed in keeping with University accounting policies and procedures. Award letters will provide the appropriate contact information for obtaining your funds. Once an award has been made, the budget may not be altered without approval from the college. **All funds must be spent by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30),** unless special arrangements are approved by the Provost by May 15.

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Application Cover Sheet

This form must be completed in its entirety. Please fill out this form and complete all of the requested information (i.e., do not write “see attached”) t. Submit a hard copy along with your application checklist and your narrative description to swaghela@ucsc.edu by the appropriate deadline.

Date: _____ Student ID: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Research/Project Title: _____

Individual Student Project Fund Category:

- ____ Research
- ____ Public Event
- ____ Other

Quarter in which funds will be used: _____

Abstract (please limit to this space):

Total Budget: _____ Individual student Project Budget: _____

Funds requested from other sources (if no other funding has been received or requested, please explain what efforts you have made):

Individual Student Projects Fund Application Checklist

Please answer all of the following questions with a YES or a NO.

- _____ Are you an undergraduate student at UCSC?
- _____ Are you currently enrolled and will you be enrolled when funds are used?
- _____ Has this project been funded by the Individual Student Projects Fund in the past?
- _____ Has the project been completed?
- _____ Is this proposal for an Education Abroad or Community Studies Program?
- _____ Have you included a complete itemized budget?
- _____ Does your proposal include a request for class enrollment fees?
- _____ Does the total budget include payment of salaries?
- _____ Is the proposal for travel to present a conference/workshop paper?
- _____ Do you have a faculty sponsor?
- _____ Have you requested a letter of recommendation from your sponsor?
- _____ Are you willing to release your proposal as a sample for others?