**NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

All forms can be found online at: <http://nutrition.tamu.edu> or by emailing the Department of Nutrition’s University scholarship administrator, Bea Bradley at bea.bradley@ag.tamu.edu.

Initial application and all reports should be submitted to Bea Bradley with the faculty advisor copied on the correspondence.

**Purpose:**

The facilitate undergraduate research experiences under the supervision of research active nutrition faculty. All current undergraduate nutrition students who have completed at least one semester of research in the lab of proposed research are eligible to apply. Selected students will be awarded a $500 scholarship, which will be deposited in the student’s account during the second semester of the research program after the progress report is submitted. The supervising faculty member will be awarded $1,000 for materials, supplies, and/or to support student travel to present their research at a regional or national conference ($500 at the beginning of each of the student’s research semesters).

**Eligibility Criteria:**

• Undergraduate student majoring in Nutrition

• Have already completed at least 1 semester of research in the faculty advisor’s lab, as evidenced by previous enrollment in NUTR 285, 291, 485, and/or 491.

• GPA minimum 3.0

**Awardee Responsibilities:**

• Conduct a supervised research project in the faculty advisor’s lab for two consecutive semesters. The student must be able to commit 6-9 hours per week to research each semester (12-15 hours per week during summer semes. This may be a fall-spring, spring-summer (I & II) or summer (I & II)-fall sequence. A spring-fall semester sequence may be considered with supervising faculty approval.

• Present research in a scientific venue (e.g., Department of Nutrition Symposium, Undergraduate Research Week, and/or a discipline-specific scientific meeting). The department’s scholarship administrator must be notified of the date, time, and event where the presentation will occur **at least** one week prior to the presentation.

• Submit all required applications and reports by the deadlines, which are listed below.

**Reporting Deadlines:**

• **Initial scholarship application**: due 5 business days prior to the first semester of research(by 11:59 pm, August 18 for Fall 2025).

* **Progress report**: due during the first semester of research on the university defined mid-semester grade submission date. If Fall 2025 is the first semester of research, the progress report is due by 11:59 pm, October 13**,** 2026.

• **Mid-term report**: due by the 12th class day of the second semester of research.If Fall 2025 is the first semester of research, the progress report is due by 11:59 pm, January 28, 2026.

• **Final report**: due the last class day of the second semester of research.If Fall 2025 is the first semester of research, the final report is due by April 28, 2026.

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| **Table 1. Key Deadlines**  |
|  | **Fall 2025-Spring 2026** | **Spring 2026-Summer 2026** | **Summer 2026 - Fall 2026** |
| Initial Application Deadline  | August 18, 2025 | January 5, 2026 | May 18, 2026 |
| Progress report  | October 13, 2025 | March 2, 2026 | July 6,2026 |
| Mid-term report  | January 28, 2026 | June 10, 2026 | TBA |
| Final report  | April 28, 2026 | August 4, 2026 | TBA |
| Research presentation at a scientific venue  | *Dependent on scientific venue selected by faculty advisor and student. Notify Bea Bradley at least one week before presentation date* |

*\*Expected hours per week increases to 12-15 hours during summer semesters.*

**NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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| Student Name: |  |
| UIN: |  |
| Proposed semesters for research: |  |
| Faculty Advisor: |  |

I. Proposal Guidelines

A: Proposal Title

B: Project Summary / Abstract (max 200 words)

Briefly describe the research proposal and plan for implementation. The project summary should contain:

1. A statement of your research question.
2. Justification and importance of your research topic(s).
3. Evidence of understanding the previous research that has been done in the field (i.e., Explain how the project(s) is unique and/or builds on previous research. Be specific.).
4. Expected outcome(s).

C: Introduction (~200 words)

The introduction should provide a brief introduction to the state of the knowledge in the field (citing appropriate references), identifying a gap in the knowledge that the research project will address.

D: Objective(s)/Goal(s)

Define the research objective(s) and/or goal(s) clearly and succinctly. State the hypothesis or research question here. Describe the purpose, scope, rationale, and motivation for this research. Articulate how the research contributes to the ongoing discussion in your research field.

E: Methods (one short paragraph)

Describe the approach, techniques, and/or procedures that will be used to answer the research question and complete the project.

F: References

Include a list of references for the literature cited in the text of the proposal. Choose a citation style appropriate for the field. At least 4-5 references are expected.

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| *Student’s Signature* |  | *Date* |  | *Faculty’s Signature* |  | *Date* |

**NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Progress Report**

**Student Name:**

**UIN:**

**Semester Enrolled:**

**Faculty Advisor:**

 **Section 1: Summary of the Project Progress**

The summary of project progress should contain:

1. A brief statement of the research question; justification and importance of the research topic; and planned methods used to answer the research question.

2. A summary of major research activities that have been completed to date (e.g., literature searches, participation in lab meetings, journal clubs, etc.)

3. Plans for research for the remainder of this semester and next semester

Include the signed signature page (next page) with progress report.

**\*Supervising faculty are also required to submit a statement to the Department’s scholarship administrator confirming student progress and that student is meeting expectations for research for the progress report.**

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| Signatures |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Mid-Term Report**

**Student Name:**

**UIN:**

**Semester Enrolled:**

**Faculty Advisor:**

  **Section 1: Summary of the Project Progress**

The summary of project should contain:

1. A statement of the research question

2. Justification and importance of the research topic(s)

3. Methods used to answer the research question(s)

4. Results

5. Future study for the remaining research project

  **Section 2: Outcomes of the Project Progress**

1. List any publications from research project.
2. Describe planned oral or poster presentation of your research, including the name of the event, the location, and the date.
3. Signatures

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| *Student’s Signature* |  | *Date* |  | *Faculty’s Signature* |  | *Date* |

**NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Final Report**

## Student Name:

## UIN:

## Semester Enrolled:

## Faculty Advisor:

##  Section 1: Summary of the Project Progress

## The summary of project should contain:

## 1. A statement of the research question

## 2. Justification and importance of the research topic(s)

## 3. Methods used to answer research question(s)

## 4. Results

## 5. Conclusion

##  Section 2: Outcomes of the Project Progress

## List any publications from research project.

## List oral or poster presentations (include event name, location, and date of presentation)

## Signatures

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