

**Due: 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 24**

We are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for consideration for research project funding for Rosenstiel School undergraduate majors for the following research grant awards:

**Linda Farmer Student Research Endowed Award  
Lou and Chosun Mastriani Endowed Scholarship  
Robins Family Undergraduate Research Scholarship  
SURGE (Small Undergraduate Research Grant Experience) Awards**

Award decisions will be made by a subcommittee of the Rosenstiel School faculty with final approval by the Program Directors and Associate Dean. This committee adheres to a broad definition of research as “research or scholarly activities that lead to the production of new knowledge.”

Funds may be requested for (1) materials, supplies, analyses, and minor equipment that support substantive research activities, (2) the costs of field work or visits to archives related to independent research, and (3) attendance and presentations at scientific meetings or conferences where original work is being presented.

Funds requested might include processing of samples at outside facilities and/or specific items required for the student's project. Such needs should be carefully outlined in the letter of support from the mentor that accompanies the proposal. In all cases, funds are given to the student and not added to existing faculty accounts in order to provide experience in handling research funding for the student. The best applications will be selected to receive funding.

By accepting any of these awards, you agree to present your work at the annual Rosenstiel School Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium scheduled for April 2026 (date TBD).

**You are eligible to apply for any or all of these awards if you are:**

1. A Rosenstiel School Undergraduate major, including a freshman;
2. Enrolled during the semester of your grant award;
3. In good standing (not on probation, leave of absence, or suspension).

**An application consists of the following:**

1. A short research proposal (max two pages) with a clear statement of purpose and a summary of the research or activities to be conducted; the statement should identify your research mentor or supervisor.
2. An itemized budget, including total costs above what the award offers and disclosure of any other available support.
3. A standard résumé (max two pages).

4. A letter of support from your advisor or faculty research mentor. This letter, addressed to the Rosenstiel School Undergraduate Program Awards Committee, must be sent separately by your advisor/mentor. Your faculty advisor/mentor should title their recommendation letter as: Student's Lastname Recommendation - Farmer or Mastriani or Robins or SURGE Award.

You may apply for all four awards with one application. Please indicate which award you are applying for in the title of your application (Farmer, Mastriani, Robins, and/or SURGE). If you are applying for more than one award, please list them in the title (e.g., Your Lastname - Farmer and SURGE Award).

The **Linda Farmer Research Award** this year can offer up to \$3,627 to a student pursuing a B.S. degree in the marine sciences. Dr. Farmer was a beloved professor and colleague in the Biology and Marine Science departments at the University of Miami for 29 years, serving as a professor, assistant dean, and director of the Marine Science program.

By accepting the Linda Farmer Award, you agree to:  
Provide a written thank you note (postal mail) to The Family of Dr. Linda Farmer with details about your research. **This will be expected within one week of receiving this award.**

**Lou and Chosen Mastriani Endowed Scholarships** offer up to \$2,000 to one to three students. The award is open to all Rosenstiel undergraduate students, with preference given — per the donors' wishes — to those studying or conducting research in marine biology, ecology, or coral reefs. This year, we have up to \$6,000 total to award.

By accepting a Mastriani Scholarship, you agree to:  
Provide a written thank you note (postal mail) to Lou and Chosun Mastriani with details about your research. **This will be expected within one week of receiving this award.**

**Robins Family Undergraduate Research Scholarships** offer up to \$5,000 per student researcher this year to be split between two or more students. The Robins Family Scholarship is for research in the fields of study covered by the Rosenstiel School undergraduate academic program. This year, we have up to \$10,000 to award.

By accepting the Robins Scholarship, you agree to:  
Provide a written thank you note (postal mail) to the Robins Family with details about your research. **This will be expected within one week of receiving this award.**

**For the three awards listed above:** Donors do appreciate award recipients who also create a short video talking about their research (if you are interested). It is not imperative, but donors do love these videos.

**SURGE Awards** offer modest grants (up to \$2,500 per student researcher) for research in the fields of study covered by the Rosenstiel School undergraduate academic program. The highest priority for SURGE funding is covering participation of undergraduates in fieldwork and conference participation. Here, participation means actually doing research in the field and giving poster or oral presentations at national or international forums. A documented need for research supplies beyond the capability of a mentor's laboratory is required. This might include the cost of processing samples at outside facilities and/or specific items required for the student's project. Such needs should be carefully outlined in the letter of support from the mentor that accompanies the proposal. In all cases, SURGE funds are given to the student and not added to existing faculty accounts in order to provide experience in handling research funding for the student.

**For the four awards listed above**, you agree to:

1. Provide a written assessment of your activities and an accounting of how funds were spent.
2. Follow animal or human subject protocols, if applicable.

Completed applications and recommendation letters are due **no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 24** and should be submitted directly by email to:

[2025 Awards Applications / Letters of Support](#) for distribution to the awards committee, with a copy to [ruthgoodin@miami.edu](mailto:ruthgoodin@miami.edu).