Steven R. Simms Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Endowment in Scientific Anthropology

**Opens:** December 15, 2023

**Application Due:** February 15, 2024

**Award Description:**

In April, 1990, the Utah State University Anthropology Scholarship was initiated by donations from anthropologist Steven R. Simms and his mentor Dr. Carol J. Loveland. Dr. Loveland passed away in 1995. Upon preparation for retirement in 2016 through 2019, after a 30-year career, Dr. Simms endowed the scholarship fund to award scholarships to undergraduate anthropology students whose interests and aptitudes reside in an explicitly scientific paradigm and approach to problems in anthropology. The Endowment honors the commitment of USU Anthropology faculty to create a community of scholars and rewarding learning experiences for undergraduate students through engagement in the process of research and teaching.

The 2024-2025 anticipated scholarship award of $2,500.00 will be disbursed as 60% for the undergraduate research fellowship and 40% for the undergraduate scholarship.

**Award Criteria:**

1. Must be an undergraduate anthropology major
2. Recipients will work with a faculty mentor to develop a research project and submit a proposal and budget as part of their application. The proposal and budget must describe the student’s proposed research and how it builds upon existing knowledge in scientific anthropology. Applications will be scored based on the strength of the scientific question, creativity of the proposal, and feasibility of the budget.
3. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for a USU Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities grant or another grant opportunity. <https://research.usu.edu/urco/>
   1. All URCO applications must be submitted between 2/01/2024 and 2/15/2024.
4. Scholarly merit and financial need may also be considered as deciding factors.

**To Apply, submit the following via** [**https://www.usu.edu/scholarships/**](https://www.usu.edu/scholarships/)

1. **Submit your** [**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)
   1. USU’s school code is 003677
2. **Answer general application scholarship-matching questions in Scholarship Universe**
3. **Prepare a research proposal.** Essays must be in formal writing-style. Spelling, grammar, and typos also leave a lasting impression so make sure to proofread your work. Please address the following criteria by following the URCO grant guidelines (<https://research.usu.edu/urco/guidebook>):
   1. Research Question/Problem
   2. Research Proposal
   3. Budget of Research
4. **Copy and Paste the Proposal:** Please copy and paste the entirety of your research proposal into the provided text box.
   1. **You may also upload/attach any additional supporting documents**
5. **Upload Confirmation of URCO Application:**
   1. **You may attach proof of application to URCO to your application in ScholarshipUniverse.**

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