Scholarship Description:
The UC Santa Cruz Koret Scholars Program, funded by a grant from the Koret Foundation, supports undergraduate research in all academic fields across campus. The Koret program provides Koret Scholarships of up to $2,000* to the selected undergraduate students for research projects where students partner with faculty and/or graduate student mentors on a research project that culminates in a research presentation event.

UC Santa Cruz has a commitment to undergraduate education and student success. Undergraduate participation in research plays a significant role in the academic achievement and retention of students. The Koret Scholars Program is just one example of the outstanding research opportunities available to UC Santa Cruz students. For more information about getting involved in undergraduate research please visit the undergraduate research opportunities website.

*Scholarship awards will be disbursed by the Financial Aid Scholarship Office in winter quarter 2022 to help defray the costs of your attendance at UCSC. The scholarship disbursement will be coordinated by the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office and will be incorporated into any financial aid you may already have to ensure the total awards do not exceed the cost of attendance. In most cases, the scholarship will result in a credit for the specified amount on your UCSC student billing account unless the incorporation of the scholarship reduced other existing financial aid (i.e. scholarship reduced loan indebtedness).

Reference Letter (Statement of Support)
(1 required, applicant will not be able to view mentor’s letter, letter deadline 10/25/2021)

Text that student sees in the application: You are required to have your mentor submit a brief Statement of Support for this competition. You will not be able to view the letter once it is submitted. Upon submitting your application or clicking "Send Letter Request" on a saved draft application, your mentor will receive an email containing a unique link to a web page where their letter may be uploaded.

Be sure to contact your mentor before submitting your application to confirm that they are willing to submit a statement of support for you.

Make sure that you type the correct UCSC email address for your mentor. Using an email address other than "cruzid@ucsc.edu" will result in a letter writer not being able to access your application.
Text that mentor receives: You have been asked to write a brief statement of support for {applicant name} to the Koret Scholarship Application Competition. This letter is to be no more than 300-400 words and should specifically address the following:

1. Please provide a brief (100-200 word) description of the research project being performed by this student.

2. How would you assess the likelihood of success in this project by this student?

3. What is your plan for mentorship of this student (type of engagement and frequency)? Strong mentorship is an important criteria for selection.

4. Please briefly describe whether and how the research might be conducted if pandemic conditions change to require remote teaching and learning.

The deadline to submit your letter of support is Monday, October 25, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Letters must be submitted as .pdf files (we cannot accept .pages, .doc, or .jpg files).

Thank you,
Don Bard