

Koret 2022-23 Scholarship Description and Application Questions

Scholarship Description:

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

Koret Scholars are encouraged to speak with their mentor about enrolling in a Independent Studies course (2 or 5 units) so that they can earn credit while they are doing their project. This helps many students manage their academic load so that they can devote sufficient time and effort into their research project.

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 2023 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).

Application Questions:

First Name and Last Name and Student ID

Have you previously been awarded a Koret Scholarship? Yes/ No

Program participation: Have you participated, or are you currently involved in any of the programs below? (Select one or more options)

College Scholars program, Pathway to Research, WEST, Stem Diversity Program, None

Class Standing (Select one option)

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior

First-Gen: Do you consider yourself a first-generation college student (i.e. none of your parents or guardians have a bachelor's degree)? Yes /No

Are you an EOP student? Yes/No

Major or Proposed Major (Indicate your declared major, and minor if applicable, or your proposed major)

Project Title: (If selected, this along with your name will be posted to the Koret scholarship website). The title of your project can be updated after your award.

Mentor: What is your mentor's first and last name and what department are they from? If you are not sure of the spelling of your mentor's name, please ask them.

Project Timeline: The proposed project is intended to be completed in... (it is okay if this changes): (select option) One quarter / Two quarters

Group Project: Is your research part of a group project? If yes, please specify your specific role in the group and your specific contribution to the group project.

Project Description: What is the topic of your study, and what is interesting or significant about it? What will you be doing (activities, methods, etc.)? What research has already been done on this topic and what is still unknown? What question(s) is your project trying to answer? How will your research address the unknown aspects of your topic? (250 words max)

Personal Statement: Please describe how being a Koret Scholar (and receiving the Koret scholarship) will make a difference for you. You may wish to include details on what it means to be a Koret Scholar and how the scholarship will complement your education, serve as a source of financial support, and/or help you achieve your immediate and future goals. (250 words max)

Upload Transcript:

Unofficial Transcript: Please upload a copy of your unofficial transcript. Instructions on accessing your unofficial transcript are available at:
<http://registrar.ucsc.edu/faqs/students/transcripts.html> (max upload 2MB, pdf only).
Please name the file as follows: your last name_transcript.

Reference Letter:

(1 required, applicant will not be able to view mentor's letter)

Text that student sees: 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.

Acknowledgement (at the end of the application):

I certify that the submitted information is correct and I authorize the Koret Scholars Grant administrators to access my student academic records to assist in processing my application. I understand that if selected for a Koret Scholarship award, I will be expected to prepare a presentation of my project and to present my project in the Koret Scholars Undergraduate Research Slam in Spring quarter 2023.