

Koret 2022-23: Mentor's Statement of Support

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.

Mentor Letter of Support: (1 required. Applicant will not be able to view the mentor's letter)

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 once student submits application or clicks "Send Letter Request":

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 into the online application platform (InfoReady) is Monday, October 24, 2022 at 11:59 pm. Letters must be submitted as .pdf files (we cannot accept .pages, .doc, or .jpg files).

Thank you,
Don Bard