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Office of Sponsored Programs NEWSLETTER

Tell us about your research!

[Research Survey](#)

[Scholarly News & Updates](#)

Faculty and staff may share their research interests by completing the survey linked above. Information is collected for student research projects and planning purposes.

Share information about research and scholarly pursuits using the survey above for social media, newsletters, and student recruiting initiatives.

Upcoming Events



[PI \(Principal Investigator\) Training](#) is required for faculty and staff who wish to apply for funding, whether internal NMU awards or external awards.

The next training is planned for Friday, February 6 in Harden Hall 214 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

To register, go to our **[PI Training webpage](#)**.

WINTER Research Day

Winter Research Day. A day for research and presentations

- **Undergrad 3-Minute Presentations:** Rapid-fire presentations of scholarship
- **Fellowships for Programs Abroad:** Workshop to help students find and plan applications
- **3-Minute Thesis Competition:** World-renowned contest of graduate student research presentations
- **Scholarly Buzz Session:** Multi-disciplinary, informal five-minute research presentations

Date: February 19, 2026 | Time: All Day



[The Celebration of Student Scholarship](#) is an annual event to recognize the academic contributions of undergraduate and graduate students in all disciplines. This year marks the 30th Celebration at NMU! How will your students contribute to the rich history of discovery?

Date: April 16, 2026 | Time: All Day

External Student Research Awards

[National Conference on Undergraduate Research \(NCUR\)](#)

All faculty to whom this may apply: CONGRATULATIONS on the acceptance of your student's abstract submission to NCUR 2026. NMU students will travel to Richmond, VA with our Undergraduate Research staff for the annual conference from April 13-15. Keep an eye out for detailed communication from the NMU Office of Undergraduate Research.

Recent External Awards

Jennings, Matt - NIH - "Validation of the Diagnostic and Predictive Tool, D2HGlo, for the Quantification of the Oncometabolite D-2-Hydroxyglutarate (D-2-HG) in Glioma"

Kapla, Dale & Lindala, April - MiLEAP - "Strengthening Passages North"

Kimball, Michelle - MDE - "Community College Services Perkins / Loan Application"

Lakenen, Pat - Public Media Company - "The Public Media Bridge Fund"

Pratt, Evan - NIH - "Illuminating the subcellular localization and regulation of D-2-hydroxyglutarate using a novel genetically encoded fluorescent biosensor"

Richards, Kathy - U.S. Forest Service - "Northern Woodshed Project"

Truckey, Dan - American Scandinavian Foundation - "Traditional Arts Festival"

Note that while some streams of governmental funding have been paused, delayed, or canceled in the past year, OSP continues to work diligently to support the institution within the changing landscape. Together, we can continue to prepare and apply for multiple, diverse funding streams that help you meet your scholarly and creative goals.

Find the funding that is right for your project using [GrantForward](#), a search engine that NMU subscribes to and that has a database of 30,000+ sponsors.

Internal Funding Opportunities Winter 2026

Faculty Awards

All deadlines are 11:59 PM on the due date otherwise noted

[Reassigned Time Award](#) - Deadline: Friday, 01/16/2026 | Max Award: 4 Cr Reassigned Time

RTAs support faculty scholarship, be it discovery, integration, application, and/or teaching. Applicants should determine a specified scholarly goal they wish to achieve, considering the impact of said goal. Building on the RTA work by seeking external funding is strongly encouraged. Awards are limited to the semester after submission.

[Curriculum Development & Instructional Improvement](#) - Deadline: Friday, 02/13/2026 | Max Award: \$2,400

NMU recognizes that curriculum development and instructional improvement are ongoing activities in all academic departments on campus. Major development and some instructional improvement efforts cannot always be accomplished with available department resources. This award helps to fill the need for additional funds to cover the cost of faculty release time or summer support for faculty travel, training, and materials

[Peter White Scholar](#) - Deadline: Friday, 03/6/2026 | Max Award: \$17,500

To facilitate significant enhancement of scholarly research at NMU, the Peter White Fund annually supports one Peter White Scholar Award. The award supports faculty members with a proven scholarly record, who are undertaking a project that would significantly advance their work. Projects funded by this award are intended to go above and beyond those funded under the Faculty Grants program.

Student Awards

[Excellence in Education](#) - Deadline: Friday, 03/13/2026 | Max Award: \$1,500

Established to support graduate student research in the summer. Awards assist in the conduct of scholarly research and creative works that will enhance their academic experience and professional growth. Recipients will also receive a one-credit tuition stipend to enroll in a course directly related to their research during a summer session.

Workshop for EIE applicants: Friday, January 30 | 1-2:00 p.m. | HRDN 314

[Freshman Fellowship Program](#) - Deadline: Monday, 02/16/2026 | Max Award: \$1,000

The program consists of a monetary award, paid for hourly work. Most fellows work 3-4 hours per week throughout the year with their faculty mentors in a wide variety of academic fields, including biology, business, chemistry, criminal justice, English, economics, education, history, geography, nursing, and psychology.

[Student Technology Innovation Award](#) - Deadline: 02/27/2026 | Max Award: \$750

The award recognizes students' creative use of technology and innovation in their academic disciplines.

[Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program](#) - Deadline: 03/9/2026 | Min Award: \$2,000

Open to undergraduate students at any level, in any major, student researchers complete their research project any time between consecutive summers, and will be paid as they work. Students must commit to completing their research as outlined in their proposal and will present at the Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Recent Internal Awards

Faculty Internal: Faculty Research Awards

Chu, Heng-Hsuan - Biology
Galbreath, Kurt - Biology
Krzakowski, Caroline - English
LeBert, Danny - Biology
Mandeville, Liz - Biology
Newton, Katie - Chemistry
Toegel, Cory - Psychology
Urvashi, Urvashi - Chemistry
Whalen, Rob - English

Faculty Internal: Reassigned Time Awards

Andriacchi, Michelle - Nursing
Billman, Jon - English
Domina, Lynn - English
Kumar, Vikash - Social Work
Whalen, Robert - English
Zimmer, Anna - Lang, Lit, INT.

Student Internal: Spooner Award

Doriot, Ben - Psychology
Irwin, Emily - Psychology

Memberships free to you... and your students!

[Council for Undergraduate Research](#)

CUR's mission is to support and promote high-quality mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry. NMU's membership provides access to collaborators, resources supporting undergraduate research, and discounts on events and purchases.

[CITI](#)

[Grant Forward](#)

CITI provides online training modules and testing for IRB and IACUC certification.

GrantForward is an funding database that searches over 30,000 funding sources.

Cayuse is the online system NMU uses for award submissions and IRB applications.



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