

# Undergraduate Research Fellowship Statement Template

Applying for the Undergraduate Research Fellowship means that you have contacted an NMU faculty or staff member who is willing to participate as your mentor(s) for the full duration of this fellowship. We recommend that you work on this research statement with the mentor(s) you identified. Before submitting your research statement, it should have been reviewed by the mentor(s) overseeing your fellowship. Using the template below, please upload a research statement that outlines your project title, project description, objectives, methodology, research mentor(s), budget, and timeline. Not including all required sections will result in an incomplete application. Treat writing this research statement as a research proposal and/or a proposal for a mentored investigation or creative inquiry.

Keep in mind that this research statement is a proposal of your plan to carry out a well-thought-out project. Proposals are plans that will most likely change once you start your project. We are asking you to think through and propose a strong project. Students will be awarded this fellowship based on the strength of their proposal and the proposal must be doable in the time allotted. If you have a much bigger project or it's part of an ongoing research project, we suggest you explain this in the project description and timeline to give the review committee a better picture of you and your research mentor's plan.

**Project Title:** *Name your proposed project.*

**Project Description:** *Summarize your proposal by including a brief background on the project, the purpose and significance of this project in your field/subject area, and the intended/potential impact this project can have. (500 words max)*

**Project Objectives:** *Restate the purpose of your proposed project, and then state the objectives (hypotheses, research questions, or creative inquiries) that your project will strive to answer. (200 words max)*

**Project Methodology:** *State what methodology or procedures will be used to carry out and/or carry data for the project. (200 words max)*

**Research Mentor(s):** *List the faculty and/or staff members who have agreed to oversee your project. Also include their title and departments.*

**Budget:** *Outline the budget and explain how you will be able to get the funds to conduct this research. The URF will not be able to provide funds for research supplies.*

**Timeline:** *Outline your plan for carrying out this project. What is the duration of the project? How many hours a week do you intend to perform duties directly related to the project? The minimum award is \$2,000 and is equivalent to awardees working about 193 hours to receive the full award. Keep in mind that you are limited to 20 hours/week during the session(s) you are taking classes.*