

SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE – 2026 PROGRAM DETAILS

Before you submit the application, you must read through the requirements of the program and find a mentor to support you in the application process.

PROGRAM: The SURE Research Scholars Program provides outstanding Citadel undergraduates with a mentored research or creative experience enabling them to gain a deeper understanding of their field of study. The Summer 2026 program will be an in-person experience and may extend through Fall 2026 (if agreed upon by faculty and student). The expected outcome of the program is that the scholar will complete a substantial, original research or creative project that will enhance the scholar's candidacy for admission into graduate or professional school, for receiving prestigious national scholarships and fellowships, or for securing positions in their chosen career. As such, the program is designed for those students who have a long-term interest in and commitment to the creation of original knowledge.

TIMELINE: The student scholar works on the project full-time during the summer months and can choose to continue the research during the fall semester while registered with the mentor in a 1-to 3-credit, graded independent study/research course. Both mentors and mentees must commit to participate in one introduction session in May, two informal program progress meetings in the summer, and one face-to-face poster session during the early fall (August).

EXPECTATIONS: Recognizing the diversity of disciplines across the College, the specific design of each project and participation of the mentor in it will vary. However, the program expects that all faculty mentors will set high expectations for the quality of work produced by the scholar and help to structure the experience to guide the scholar through the process. This includes working with the scholar to establish and advance an appropriate schedule for project completion, including a series of smaller deadlines to provide feedback on progress and regular, scheduled communication. A brief, written final report from the student and mentor will be required at the end of the summer.

Eligibility

- Current full-time enrollment as an undergraduate at The Citadel
- Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Rising Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
- Attendance at the meetings in the summer
- Identification of a full-time Citadel faculty member who has agreed to serve as a faculty mentor for the entire length of the program
- Ability to devote full-time work on the research/creative project during the 8 to 10-week summer period
- Participation in the fall poster conference in August

Stipend

- SURE Research Scholars will receive a \$4500 stipend for an 8-10 week face-to-face summer program.
- Faculty mentors will receive a \$1000 stipend in the summer but no stipend in the fall if they choose to teach the course in the fall. However, they will accumulate credit within the course banking policy if the student is enrolled in a 3-credit hour research/independent study course.

Note: Summer housing is not available through the Office of Research & Grants, but please check with your faculty mentor and the department head as funds may be available through the department.

Please submit application here - [The Citadel SURE 2026 Applications – Fill out form](#)

Deadline to submit applications is 5pm on Friday, March 6th, 2026.