



Undergraduate Research Scholar Program (URSP)

It is your responsibility to ensure that the entire application package is received by the deadline. A complete application packet will include the URSP Application Form, personal statement, statement of research interest, and two recommendation forms submitted by faculty and transcripts for all undergraduate institutions.

Please type or print legibly in ink. Submit your complete application package by the second Friday of Spring semester to Room A210.

URSP APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail _____

Intended field of study for your B.A., B.S., B.F.A. Degree or Career Technical:

Do you work?

Full-Time

Part-Time

No Job

____ # of Hours per Week

Are you planning to transfer?

Yes

No

Unsure

Approximately how many hours have you completed at MCC?

None

1-12

13-24

24 & Up

Will you be enrolled full-time at MCC during the semester in which you are participating in URSP?

Yes

No

Unsure

AVAILABLE RESEARCH FIELDS

Math

Science

Health Science

Humanities

Art

Career/Technical

Specify Discipline:

The following must be submitted with this application

A. Personal Statement

A personal statement is your opportunity to explain why you want to participate in URSP. Some questions you might consider are:

- What are your research interests?
- What are your academic aspirations?
- What are your career goals?
- In what ways have your experiences and background influenced your goals?
- How will URSP help you accomplish your goals?
- What do you expect to gain from an URSP experience?

B. Statement of Research Interest (250 words maximum)

In order to identify potential faculty mentors for you, the URSP staff members need to know your research areas of interest. You should explain as clearly as possible the areas that you would like to research (must be listed under “**Available Research Fields**” and why this research appeals to you.

It is a good idea to consult the SAGE Center staff or instructors for advice about preparing a research statement. Your instructors can help you formulate questions or topics. This is a good opportunity to ask your instructors to give you a recommendation, as well. They can write a better recommendation for you if they understand your research interests and your motivations for wanting to complete a research experience.

Your statement should be specific but not too narrow in focus. If you have had other research experiences, include a description of the project and your role in the research.

The following should be submitted directly to the Selection Committee.

C. Faculty Letter(s) of Support

Your faculty letter(s) of support is/are vital to the selection process. This type of document provides the selection committee a glimpse at who are as a researcher. These letters will carry more weight if they are from professors or instructors who know you. We may contact the references directly to confirm their recommendation information. Here are a few tips to assist you when determining who will be your supporter and the steps you should take to assist your supporter.

- Ask for recommendations from someone who knows your academic work and can comment specifically on your performance, particularly in the fields of study related to your desired research area.
- Advisors and Executive Deans/Deans can comment on your overall achievement. Generally, they cannot evaluate your experience in your field of study. If you have a recommendation from someone like this, you will need to have a strong academic reference that can speak to your research potential and knowledge in the field to supplement it.

Agreement (Please check each box)

I understand that my application is not complete unless the Personal Statement and Statement of Research Interest is attached and Faculty Letter(s) of Support is/are received by the selection committee.

I understand that I must enroll in a one-credit, independent-study class (tuition is covered by program)

If selected, I am available to participate.

I give permission to verify my GPA and other academic records.

By signing this form, you waive your right to future access of all recommendations received on behalf of your application.

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

Signature (Full Name)

Date #