



Announcement

The Walsh Academic Fund Committee is pleased to announce a call for applications for Walsh Student Research Fellowships to support research in the summer of 2025. Each fellowship will provide:

- \$5,600 student stipend
- \$1,000 for supplies
- \$1,000 faculty mentor stipend *

*Mentors may receive a maximum of one stipend.

Students who desire to live on campus can receive preferred on-campus housing rates, as available.

To be eligible, a student must be a Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Biology major and/or their mentor must be a member of the Department of Biology or the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry.

Applications are due February 24, 2025, and must include:

- Application page (see below)
- Project Description (written by the student in consultation with the faculty mentor; limit 2 pages) – Should include an abstract (150 words) and narrative, describing the research hypothesis or objective(s), methods of investigation, and expected results.
- Academic and Career Plans Statement (written by the student; limit 1 page) - The narrative should describe the student's academic and career plans and how the Walsh Fellowship would help the student to achieve his/her goals.
- Academic Transcript – An unofficial copy of the student's Providence College transcript.
- Letter of Support from Faculty Mentor (limit 2 pages) – This letter should contain an assessment of the student's suitability for the research project and a description of the manner in which the faculty member will mentor the student and contribute to his/her development as a scientist.

Applications mentored by faculty who have submitted an application to a competitive external grant program within the last twelve months will be given priority in the selection process.

An original signed copy of the completed application should be submitted via email to the School of Arts & Sciences (pcsas@providence.edu), on or before February 24, 2025. The review of applications will commence shortly after the deadline date so that the fellowship winners will be announced in March.

Applications will be reviewed by the Walsh Academic Fund Committee, comprised of Dr. Patrick Ewanchuk, Chair, Department of Biology (ewanchuk@providence.edu), Dr. Kenneth Overly, Chair, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry (koverly@providence.edu), and Dr. Elisabeth Arévalo, Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences (earevalo@providence.edu). For additional information, please contact any member of the committee.

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Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the reviewers to evaluate proposals based on a 100-point scoring system.

Research Project Criteria

1. Clarity of project description including goals and anticipated outcomes (20 points)
2. Appropriateness of the approach and/or methods utilized to achieve goals (10 points)
3. Likelihood of achieving a successful outcome (e.g., manuscript, presentation, future application for grant funding for faculty member, etc.) (10 points)

Student Criteria

1. Overall academic performance (provide copy of unofficial transcript) (10 points)
2. Student preparation and career plans (10 points)
3. Recommendation from faculty mentor (10 points)

Faculty Criteria

1. Mentoring plan (20 points)
2. Professional accomplishments including any previous applications for external grant funding (10 points)



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Summer 2025 Walsh Student Research Fellowship Application Form

Name:

Banner ID #:

Friar Box number:

PC email address:

Cell Phone:

Major:

GPA in major:

Overall GPA:

Title of Project:

Department in which project is based:

Signature and Date of Applicant:

Faculty Sponsor:

Signature & Date of Faculty Sponsor:

External grant application(s) within last 12 months:

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 24, 2025

Please submit the signed application, as well as all supporting documentation, to the School of Arts & Sciences office, via email to PCSAS@providence.edu.

NOTE: Please include the unofficial copy of the student applicant's transcript, the project description, and the statement about the student's academic and career plans with this form.

The student should arrange for a letter of support from the faculty sponsor to be forwarded separately to the Committee, via email to PCSAS@providence.edu.

For additional information, please contact any member of the Walsh Academic Fund Committee, Dr. Patrick Ewanchuk, Chair, Department of Biology (ewanchuk@providence.edu); Dr. Kenneth Overly, Chair, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry (koverly@providence.edu), or Dr. Elisabeth Arévalo, Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences (earevalo@providence.edu).