

## AURA application preview

The Advanced Undergraduate Research Award (AURA) supports upper-division undergraduate students engaged in independent research, creative, or scholarly projects (outside of a regular course) conducted under the mentorship of a faculty member. Each selected student will receive a \$1,000 award, with up to \$500 in additional funding available to support project-related expenses. At the time of application, students must have earned a minimum of 60 credit hours (junior or senior standing), with at least the final 12 credits completed at Buffalo State. Preference will be given to full time students with strong academic records and to those with a previous record of success in EURO. AURA awardees are required to present their work at the Spring Student Showcase. When appropriate, students are encouraged to earn academic credit for their research, creative, or scholarly project. Students receiving an AURA award are not eligible for a Small Grant Award. The number of awards is dependent on available funding.

Please fill out **student applicant** information below:

- Applicant First name \_\_\_\_\_
- Applicant Last name \_\_\_\_\_
- Banner number \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffalo State Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_
- Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the **mentor's** information below:

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Title \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Department \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffalo State Email (Please double check) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously participated in the EURO (Early Undergraduate Research Opportunity) program

- Yes, provide semester and mentor's name \_\_\_\_\_
- No

Have you earned at least 60 credits by Jan. 30, 2026?

- Yes
- No

Were your most recent 12 credits earned at Buffalo State?

Yes

No

If you answered "No" to either of the two previous questions, you are not eligible for AURA. You may be eligible for EURO.

What is the title of your AURA project?

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Provide a detailed description of your proposed AURA project that includes the goals and the significance of your proposed scholarly work. Please limit your answer to 500 word or less.

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Please describe the methods you will use to achieve the aims of your scholarly project and a tentative timeline for completing the project. Limit to 300 words.

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Will the proposed research require IRB approval?

Yes

No

If IRB approval is required, please explain your plans and/or progress for receiving this approval.

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Provide any other comments about your project.

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STUDENTS CAN SKIP TO THE END AND SUBMIT. The questions that follow are to be completed by Faculty Mentor ONLY. Note: It is highly recommended that the student(s) directly contact their Faculty Mentor to be sure they received the BSU email message sent to them with information about how to complete your application. If your Faculty Mentor did not receive this message, please re-check their email address to be sure you entered it correctly. If your Faculty Mentor cannot access the application, they should email [goodmams@buffalostate.edu](mailto:goodmams@buffalostate.edu).

**FACULTY RESPONSES ONLY**

Do you support this student's application to work with you on the research, artistic or scholarly project described?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, provide a short statement about the student's background and preparation to complete this scholarly AURA project

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Will you or the students need any supplies to complete the project (up to \$500 is available)?

- Yes
- No

Will the student receive academic credit (Special Project, Independent Study, research or seminar course) for the project?

- Yes. Please describe briefly. \_\_\_\_\_
- No

AURA awards can include access to \$500 of funds to support purchasing items needed for the student to complete their project. Will you need to use these funds to facilitate the scholarly activity being proposed? If yes, please provide an approximate budget describing the needed supplies, their purpose, and the approximate cost of each. Are there any other sources of funding available to you (department, school, grants, awards, union, etc.) to support the work of this student on this project?

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Describe your mentoring plan. As mentor of an AURA student, you must (1) make sure the students receive enough support to complete the project; (2) engage the student in a genuine scholarly activity; (3) ensure they are making steady and sufficient progress on their project; and (4) provide guidance on graduate school, professional school, or career plans. Have you mentored other students working on Office of Undergraduate Research programs? Please briefly describe.

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Spring 2026 AURA students should plan to participate in Buffalo State's Spring Student Showcase (SRCC or other event), to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Student Abstracts will be due online via the portal sometime in March 2026. Are there other ways that the student might disseminate the results of their AURA project? If yes, please describe when and how that might happen.

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If funded, will the AURA student be working with other undergraduate or graduate students under your guidance on this project? If yes, please explain how that will work.

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