

SVSU's Commitment to its Students



“Universities exist for when people, at their most promising and vulnerable moments, come seeking their futures, come ready to become something more, something better.”

Eric R. Gilbertson, SVSU President

As one professor observed, SVSU is small enough to allow for personal and hands-on learning and yet large enough to offer its students great opportunities for important work, research, and growth.

SVSU undergraduate and graduate students have an opportunity to seek significant funding for original projects by applying to the Student Research & Creativity Institute.

Every year SRCI funds up to \$50,000 (maximum \$10,000 per student) to support and promote outstanding work in the arts, humanities, sciences, professional disciplines and community service.

“It was a really positive experience. I learned a lot; not only about Chemistry, but about the rest of the people in the field.”

Staci Wegener

Who is eligible?

- Undergraduate students admitted to SVSU and enrolled for at least 6 credits each fall and winter semester
- Graduate students admitted to SVSU and enrolled for at least 3 credits each fall and winter semester
- Students must maintain minimum enrollment from application to completion of project
- Students must be in good academic standing
- Students must be the primary researcher, author, or creative agent, with faculty sponsors in a guiding role

What is the application process?

- Students must develop a written proposal showing the purpose, objectives, outcomes, and benefits of the project
- Proposals should demonstrate student preparation and ability to complete the project
- Application materials must include a letter of support from a faculty or staff member indicating that person's ability and intent to act as a mentor to the student, and commenting on the student's ability to complete the project
- All proposals must be submitted **electronically in PDF format** to: srci@svsu.edu

What is the time-line?

- Requests for Proposals are distributed after the semester begins in both Fall and Winter
- Proposals must be submitted **electronically in PDF format** to srci@svsu.edu by 4:00 p.m., Oct. 31 (Fall), and Mar. 31 (Winter). The submission deadline will be the next business day if either of these dates falls on a weekend.
- Applicants are notified by Dec. 10 (Fall), and May 10 (Winter). The notification deadline will be the next business day if either of these dates falls on a weekend.
- Work on funded projects will begin on or after the following Jan. 1 for Fall notifications, and on or after the following July 1 for Winter notifications.
- Progress reports are due every three months until completion of the project
- A final report is due within 30 days of completion of the project

Complete application guidelines are available on-line at www.svsu.edu/srci or from Dr. Jules Gehrke, Office of Academic Affairs, (989) 964-4006.

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