**The Ralph and Marilyn Frahm Agricultural Research Endowment (Faculty)**

This grant is established to support and encourage students and faculty at Saginaw Valley State University to engage in agricultural research and add to the growing body of information archived by the Saginaw County Agricultural Society that will be housed at the agricultural museum. The Society has already amassed an impressive collection of antique tools and equipment, and is striving to both centralize and increase this important collection of artifacts and informational materials documenting and advancing regional agriculture.

*What is this opportunity for?*

SVSU faculty engaging in research in the field of agriculture or agricultural history of the East-Central Michigan Region are eligible for grants funded by the endowment.

The number and amount of the Frahm Agricultural Research Grants will be determined
by the distributions available from the endowment on an annual basis. Grant applications should not exceed $1,000.

***Who is eligible?***

Any full-time faculty on continuing appointment engaged in agricultural-related research involving undergraduate student researchers.

**Due date:** Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

*How can I apply?*

Access the application at <http://svsu.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace>.

Prepare your proposal containing the following components.

INTRODUCTION (limited to 350 words)

1. **Key Information:** Please provide your project title, your name, and your discipline of study.

2. **Abstract (**to be used for press releases and summary reports)**:**

 Include a description of the research goal(s) to be achieved in layman’s terms, the mentoring

 method(s) to be used, and the anticipated outcomes(s) of the proposed project.

3. **Method for recruiting student worker(s)**

NARRATIVE - limited to 2,000 words[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. **Goals and Objectives:** Describe the learning goals for the student(s), methods you will used to mentor the student(s) in effective research strategies. Describe the research ethics particular to your discipline that you will include as you work with the student requested.
2. **Student Tasks:** Describe the activities the student(s) will be completing during the course of the project. Explain the value of these activities for completing the research and accomplishing the learning outcomes, and building the student understanding of effective research strategies.
3. **Timeline:**  Include a timeline for the proposed project with the milestones by semester that the student must complete.
4. **Evaluation:** Describe how you will assess student work to demonstrate that progress is being made in meeting the goals.

You will be asked to agree with the following statements **in the online application**

* I understand that, if funded, I will be required to present about this project at the Undergraduate Research Program Symposium.
* I understand that my application may be used as an exemplar for future applicants, and all identifying information will be removed.
* If funded, I will attend relevant events or meetings of the Saginaw County Agricultural Society to present my findings.
* If funded, I will provide written copies of my findings for archiving at the agricultural museum and the Zahnow Library at SVSU.

BUDGET – funding available: maximum of $1,000/project

* *Student Salary:* Include a request for funds for student salary
* *Number of students:* Indicate the number of students (up to 3) you are requesting. Important note: Present a project that is scalable as funds are limited.
* *Supplies:* Submit a budget for project supplies and explain how these supplies are necessary when including a student(s) to carry out your project.
* *Other Funding:* Describe if and how other funds support this project.

**Undergraduate Student Eligibility:**students must be enrolled 6 cr during the academic semester (6 or more credits Fall semester/ 6 or more credits Winter semester).  Students may not work more than a rolling average of 20 hr/wk of combined University employment and student work on the project.

FINAL REPORT is to be submitted on the SVSU Internal Grant System: http://svsu.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace

If funded, a final report will be due to the Office of Sponsored Programs 30 days following the project end date containing the following components:

1. Faculty Report – limited to 1,000 words
* Describe progress made in completing the research project
* Describe progress made in helping student(s) meet the proposed learning outcomes
* Include final budget expenditures and other sources of revenue used to support this project, if applicable.
* Did your project involve community engagement? If yes, please answer the following questions:
1. Name of community partnership (if applicable)
2. Location where research was conducted
3. Number of students working on project
4. Number of hours students worked on project
5. Student Report – limited to 2,000 words
* Describe the knowledge gained by completing this project
* Describe how you feel about your experience working on this project
* Describe how this project may have an impact on you in the future
1. If applicable, upload a copy of the pending/accepted publication, manuscript even if in draft form - not counted as part of the word limit.

1. Applications exceeding word limit will not be considered [↑](#footnote-ref-1)