

## 2026 UURAF GRAND PRIZE

Congratulations on being named a 2026 UURAF award recipient. Students who are named award recipients in their individual categories, whether in an oral, poster, performance, exhibit, film, or demonstration presentation, are eligible to submit their work for consideration for the \$500 UURAF Grand Prize. (Group presenters will evenly split the prize money.)

### KEY DATES

April 17	First place award recipients are selected at UURAF
May 15	Submission deadline for consideration for the Grand Prize
June 15	Grand Prize recipients notified by the Undergraduate Research Office

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submissions for the UURAF Grand Prize must comply with the specifications noted below.

- UURAF Grand Prize submissions to be completed by an undergraduate student with a first-place award. Only MSU undergraduate students are eligible for award money.
- Natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, the humanities, education, and related disciplines/fields:
  - be less than 1,000 words (excluding cover page, acknowledgments, and references).
  - communicate key research findings.
  - include no more than one illustration/figure.
  - limit references cited to less than 15.
- Creative written submissions of fiction, poetry, scripts, screenplays:
  - be less than 1,000 words and include (within the 1,000-word limit) up to a 200-word author's note.
- Visual submissions (graphic design, studio art, etc.):
  - a maximum of five images or illustrations and include an artist's note of 200 words or less.
- Performances, films, or multimedia:
  - a maximum of 5-7 minutes on video plus a composer's/choreographer's/director's note of 200 words or less.

All materials for consideration for the UURAF Grand Prize must be submitted by email to [ugrsrch@msu.edu](mailto:ugrsrch@msu.edu). The subject line of the email should be: UURAF Grand Prize Submission <SUBMISSION CATEGORY> - <LAST NAME, FIRST NAME of AUTHOR>.

Submitting authors must also include a statement summarizing their role(s) in the research project in the body of the email. **All Grand Prize submissions must be to the same category that you participated in for UURAF.** Questions about the submission process should be directed to [ugrsrch@msu.edu](mailto:ugrsrch@msu.edu).

#### **Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics:**

- Agriculture & Animal Science
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Cell Biology, Genetics, & Genomics
- Engineering, Computer Science, & Mathematics
- Environmental Science & Natural Resources
- Epidemiology & Public Health
- Health Sciences
- Integrative & Organismal Biology
- Kinesiology
- Microbiology, Immunology, & Infectious Disease
- Neuroscience
- Nutrition & Food Science
- Pharmacology & Toxicology
- Physical Sciences
- Physiology
- Plant Sciences
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

#### **Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities:**

- Anthropology & Archaeology
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Communication Arts & Sciences
- Criminal Justice & Legal Studies
- Digital Humanities
- Diversity & Interdisciplinary Studies
- Education
- Global & Area Studies
- History, Political Science, & Economics
- Human Development & Relationships
- Humanities
- Linguistics, Languages, & Speech
- Psychology
- Showcase
- Social Science, Arts & Humanities
- Social Science: General
- Sociology
- Visual & Performing Arts