CURL Student Bursary Policy

Rules & Eligibility

1. The intention of the Student Bursary is to support undergraduate research and the development of students' research-related skills. As such, these funds should be used to assist students with registration, travel, materials, and other costs associated with:
    a) presenting their research at conferences, workshops, or other events
    b) attending classes, workshops, conferences, volunteer trips, or other events to develop research skills

    Students who are unsure if their proposed use of the bursary would be considered eligible are invited to contact us at curl@uwo.ca. Online and in-person uses are both eligible.

2. Any student currently enrolled in a Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences program at Huron is eligible for a CURL Student Bursary. CURL Fellowship recipients are eligible for Bursaries and vice versa.

3. The CURL Student Bursary is awarded as a single amount of up to $500. The CURL Steering committee will determine the exact value of each bursary based on the funds needed by each applicant and the number of successful applicants in a given school year.

4. Student Bursaries must be used for extracurricular purposes: these bursaries may not be used to complete a course assignment or program requirement. However, they may be used to present course work or to further develop course-related knowledge and skills.

5. Student Bursary applications are accepted on a rolling basis. They are adjudicated between May 1–March 30 during each academic year (i.e., all year except during April.) Any funds remaining by March 30 will be reallocated to the CURL Conference fund.

6. Events supported by the bursary may occur at any point during the calendar year, including up to 6 months after the recipient finishes their studies at Huron.

7. Any application for a Student Bursary must be accompanied by documentation from a current Huron faculty member indicating their support of the application. Supporting documentation from the faculty member should be sent to curl@uwo.ca.

8. Bursary applicants can expect to receive a decision within 2 weeks (except during April). Successful recipients can expect to receive their funds approximately 7-8 weeks after application. Students who require their funds sooner should contact curl@uwo.ca.

9. Bursary recipients must submit a written reflection detailing their experience and knowledge gained to curl@uwo.ca within 30 days of the course/event/etc.

Reflection

Notes

The Student Bursary Reflection is a **minimum** 250-word document outlining your experience and learning outcome. Your reflection may be used to promote CURL's programming on social media—if you're comfortable, we'd love photos of yourself or from your trip along with your reflection! Please note your wording may be lightly edited for the purposes of clarity and conciseness. Being featured on CURL social media is not a requirement of the award; we welcome you to request edits, updates, or removals of your content at any time.

Template

Section 1: Basic Details

At the top of the page/email, write your full name and basic information about the supported event, including its title, date(s), and organizers.

Section 2: Summary (2-6 sentences)

Provide a brief paragraph summarizing the event you attended and what you did/learned.

Section 3: Detailed Reflection (minimum 250 words)

Explain what you did with the Bursary in more detail. (Write as if the reader did NOT read your summary; i.e., repeat introductory information.) You can take this reflection in many directions—we want to hear your thoughts! However, if you need some inspiration, here are some ideas:

- What inspired you attend the event? Was it what you thought it'd be? What surprised you?
- What did you learn? Would you like to continue on this line of research?
- If you were to give constructive feedback to the event organizers, what would you say? (We also welcome feedback for CURL!)
- What did you enjoy? What did you find frustrating? Were you able to resolve your troubles, and how?
- How do you expect the skills or knowledge you gained to help you down the road?