

Response Summary:

Q1. Applicant Information

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Name of Department/ Unit/ Student Organization	Undergraduate Research Center
What is your role or position within the Department/ Unit/ Student Organization?	Program Specialist

Q2. Event/ Program Information

Name of the Event/ Program	37th Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference
Date(s) of Event (include the year)	April 24 & 25, 2026
Location	University Credit Union Center and Wellman Hall
TOTAL event/ program budget (\$x,xxx)	\$30,030.00
Funding request amount from COSAF (Student Programming Fund) (\$x,xxx)	\$15,000.00

Q3. Please provide a detailed description and purpose of the event/ program.

The Conference is designed to acquaint UC Davis undergraduate students with the process and academic rigors of presenting research in a scholarly manner and in an affirming environment. Presenting research is important for developing communication/presentation skills, receiving feedback on procedures, providing a platform for discussing results and sharing the impact of research at UC Davis. Faculty moderators engage with each presenter at the Conference to ask questions, provide feedback, and present a certificate of participation. Not all students have the financial resources to present research at a national or regional conference due to the travel/registration costs and so the URSCA conference provides a professional conference experience for low-income students. A number of research programs at UC Davis require their participants to present and include the URSCA Conference as valued part of the programming for their students. The URC encourages first year students and students thinking about engaging in research to attend as a method of exploring research being done at UC Davis. Being free and open to the public, the URSCA Conference is a showcase of UC Davis research to student families, community college attendees and the general public.

Q4. How will the requested funds be utilized to support this event/ program?

Requested funds would be used to support the material, service, and rental costs necessary to provide the 37th year of the Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference. Items such as name badges, poster boards, facility charges and other items as listed on the budget request are necessary and customary for an in-person, two-day conference.

Q5. Please enter estimated attendance for the following groups.

UC Davis Students	4,000 - 5,000
UC Davis Staff	200
Faculty	350 (moderators and sponsors)
Other (please specify and include number)	500

Q31. If this event does not receive funding or receives only partial funding, how will the event be impacted?

It will necessitate passing on costs to students in the form of registration fees, poster printing costs and/or reducing size of conference.

Q6. Who is the target audience of the event/ program? (e.g. students, program participants, users of a specific service)

Broadly the audience target is the campus community and general public. The priority audience is UC Davis students to present and/or attend.

Q7. What program, activity, or service will be provided? (e.g. six-week training program, instructional class or activity, structured community program that exposes students to new ideas and experiences)

In addition to hosting the Conference which provides 3-4 one hour poster sessions, an art and design exhibit and 2 oral sessions, the URC provides workshops on how to write an abstract, how to create an academic poster, how to do an oral presentation and conference prep sessions. Presenters and other students are strongly encouraged to attend and learn about research within their own field of study as well as many others. For many presenters, it is their first experience presenting research or exhibiting their work. The Conference is a showcase of research at UC Davis to the wider campus community and general public.

Q10. How does the event/ program provide services that are of growing interest to students? (if applicable)

UC Davis students continue to be interested in engaging in research to develop as scholars, deepen and broaden their understanding of their field of study, hone interests, and gain skills both specific and transferable in preparation for graduate and professional school and careers. New students are interested in learning about opportunities for research experience and exploring their interests.

Q11. How does the event/ program foster diversity, equity, and inclusion? (if applicable)

The URSCA conference invites all UC Davis students engaging in research and creative activities across all majors and has no registration cost, is located here in Davis and provides free poster printing to remove any financial barriers. The URC encourages and promotes Conference participation through in all of its general presentations about research including to campus organizations serving marginalized communities. The URSCA provides an opportunity for a broadly diverse population of students to directly interact.

Q12. How does the event/ program provide crucial services to students? (if applicable)

The program offers an opportunity for students to present their projects which is an essential part of the research, scholarly and creative activity experience. Engaging in research activities provides the students the opportunity to directly experience relevance between the world and the students' education, learn technical research skills, gain transferable skills such as critical thinking and be more prepared for graduate or professional schools and careers. A part of that preparation is gaining research presentation skills. Engaging in research also stimulates a culture of intellectual curiosity and general engagement and motivation in their field of study which attending a Conference promotes. The URC provides workshops on how to write abstracts, how to create and present an academic poster and how to do an oral presentation.

Q32. How does the event/program benefit a large range of student population?

The Conference presentations showcase research across all majors and fields of interest including creative activities and interdisciplinary research and collaborations offering a learning opportunity for students engaging or thinking about engaging in research or exploring majors or interests within their field of study or other field of study.

Q13. Has your Department/ Unit/ Student Organization put on this event in the past?

- Yes

Q14. Please provide the following information on the previous event(s).

Event date(s) (Month(s)/ Date(s) / Year)	Generally end of April for 35 years. 36th year will be April 2025
Location	UC Davis
Total attendance	Varied - has grown to around 900 presenters and several thousand attendees total

Q15. How was the success of the event measured?

We conduct a post conference survey annually to measure the success of the Conference and to capture ideas for improvements. Students rate their learning outcomes in areas such as effectively communicating their work to both experts and non-experts, sense of belonging to community of researchers, and are asked to provide feedback on their overall experience of the Conference. Faculty moderators are also given surveys. The Conference committee also debriefs after every Conference to share feedback from the Conference and make plans for improvements.

Q33. If this is an annual event, is there a change to funding from previous years?

- No

Q34. If Yes, what is the change?

N/A

Q35. If this is an annual event, is there a substantive change to the program agenda from previous years?

- No

Q36. If Yes, what is the change?

N/A

Embedded Data:

N/A

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM COSAF | 2025-26

Name of Event/Program:

37th Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference 2026

Name of Department/Unit/Student Organization:

Undergraduate Research Center

Program Date(s) in 2025-26:

April 24, 25 2026

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	SUB-TOTAL
FACILITY: Room Rental, Room Set-Up, Equipment Rental, Audio/Video		
1. U Center Rental and Services	\$ 2,400.00	
2. Wellman Researvation Fees and Rental	\$ 600.00	
3. Annual Event Fees	\$ 270.00	
4. Poster board Rentals	\$ 1,200.00	
5.	\$	
6.	\$	\$ 4,470.00
FOOD: Refreshments, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (include estimated cost per person)		
7. Volunteer Food	\$ 800.00	
8. Beverage Station	\$ 900.00	
9.	\$	
10.	\$	
11.	\$	
12.	\$	\$ 1,700.00
PERFORMERS, GUEST SPEAKERS, HONORARIA		
13. NA	\$	
14.	\$	
15.	\$	
16.	\$	
17.	\$	
18.	\$	\$ 0.00
PUBLICITY/MARKETING: Flyers, Posters, Advertising, Mailing, Printing		
19. Postcards, Flyers	\$ 350.00	
20. Lawn Signs	\$ 600.00	
21. Posters, back drop and abstract book	\$ 1,300.00	
22. Lanyards	\$ 300.00	
23.	\$	
24.	\$	\$ 2,550.00
SUPPLIES: Decorations, Online Tools, Software, Licenses		
25. Plotter Paper and ink	\$ 450.00	
26. Moderator Packet supplies and printing	\$ 160.00	
27. Poster Printing Services	\$ 3,970.00	
28. Badges	\$ 1,700.00	
29.	\$	
30.	\$	\$ 6,280.00
TRAVEL: Transportation, Parking, Lodging		
31.	\$	
32.	\$	
33.	\$	
34.	\$	
35.	\$	
36.	\$	\$ 0.00

Total Amount Requested from COSAF:	\$ 15,000.00
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