Mission
Through the Undergraduate Creative-Activity and Scholarship Award Program, The College of Arts and Sciences at UNCW encourages undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activities across the curriculum. Addressing our CAS strategic plan goal to Cultivate Faculty and Student Scholarship, we are launching a call for proposals to fund student scholarship and creative activities in spring 2019 (Goals 2, 3). With this pilot program, we wish to recognize UNCW’s commitment to mentoring of CAS undergraduates in research and scholarly activity, by facilitating and supporting faculty mentoring and student applied learning outside the classroom. We see this program as a way to bolster the faculty-student dynamic in enriched academic engagement and as a means to forge increased interdisciplinary connections across the College. It has been established with the intent of creating undergraduate research and creative-activity initiatives. It calls to undergraduates seeking to go beyond the classroom experience, engage in one-on-one academic activities with faculty in their disciplines to enhance their academic experience.

Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2019, 11:59 p.m.

Application process: INFOREADY

Eligibility: Undergraduates currently enrolled at application as majors enrolled in CAS degree programs are eligible to apply at https://uncw.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1782526. We encourage applicants to review our College or Arts & Sciences’ website for program details and deadlines. Undergraduates receiving SURCA funding in the same semester are ineligible for this award.

Awards: up to $300 per student (reimbursed academic travel, purchase of materials). Examples of reimbursed expenses include: conference registration, travel expenses, hotel expenses, and meals (per diem), books, poster-presentation materials, and/or project materials or small equipment.

Selection of Recipients – Criteria
Evaluation of applicants will consider the feasibility of the project, the degree to which the project will contribute to the student’s academic success, clarity of the proposal (narrative, budget, projected outcomes), and a letter of support by the faculty mentor of the project.

Selection Process
The Undergraduate Creative-Activity and Scholarship Award Program Committee will review and select the top applicants in conjunction with the mission of the program. Selected applicants will be notified no later than 2 weeks after the application deadline.

Expectations
Students are expected to complete activities as outlined in their proposal under the guidance of their faculty mentor, and complete a report on their scholarly and/or creative activities. Faculty are expected to mentor the selected student in the completion of their projects which may include engaging in faculty research, the preparation of original scholarship and creative projects, and/or other collaborative endeavors that align with the students’ academic and career goals. Faculty will confirm completion of the project through INFOREADY.

Subsequent Responsibilities
Upon completion of the project, the recipient will submit into INFOREADY a report (max. 250 words) on the completed activity by September 1, 2019. Recipients who have not fulfilled subsequent responsibilities for previous awards will not be considered for future awards.