



Institute of Cannabis Research - Student Research Award

Student Research Award Program: One goal of the Institute of Cannabis Research (ICR) is to support the development of student researchers through its funding of cannabis research in Colorado. To support this goal the ICR is pleased to announce that the Institute has received donor support to fund a Student Research Award program in 2026. This program can be used to support a promising student researcher (undergraduate or graduate) to conduct original cannabis research that aligns with the ICR priorities of:

- Medical and Clinical Research
- Public Health, Safety, and Harm Reduction
- Pharmacology and Dosing
- Societal Impacts of Cannabis Legislation
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physiology
- Agriculture and Plant Genetics
- Biotechnologies
- Economic Development and Economic Impacts

Awards of up to \$7500 for an undergraduate student and up to \$10,000 for a graduate student in direct student support (student salary/stipend) are available to support original student research May 18, 2026 - August 31, 2026. Awards are intended to fund promising research students who otherwise lack the necessary financial support to conduct the research. Please note final award amounts will depend on available resources and awards may be funded at lower amounts than requested. If well justified in the budget, some of the funds could be budgeted to support student training or travel opportunities as well as supplies. Indirect costs are not allowable as part of this award. Awards will be made on a competitive basis.

Awards decisions and announcements are anticipated before the end of March 2026. These awards will be fixed cost awards made to the submitting institution with the research mentor as the principal investigator (PI) on behalf of the student. The ICR encourages awardees in collaboration with their mentor to consider presenting the research results from their participation in the project at the upcoming National Cannabis Research Conference.

Eligibility:

- A student (undergraduate or graduate) enrolled at an institution of higher education in Colorado with an educational background appropriate to conduct the project under the supervision of a qualified mentor.
- A research mentor at the same institution as the student applicant.
- Demonstrated financial need to support the proposed research.
- The student applicant must be in good standing with the university/college with a minimum GPA: graduate (3.5) or undergraduate (3.0).



Applications Requirements:

- Letter of interest from the potential student researcher addressing how participating on the project will impact their academic and career goals (1 page max)
- Student's Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Current transcripts (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- Concise description of the proposed Research Strategy (4-page max). The Research Strategy should include:
 - Project Summary or Abstract
 - Introduction (relevant background and significance)
 - Experimental Design (hypothesis(es), specific aim(s), and methodology(ies))
 - Anticipated Outcomes
 - References (the reference section will not count against the page limit)
- Letter of support from the mentor that includes a mentoring plan for the student researcher (2 pages max).
- Budget and Justification (2-page max)
- Font and Text Size: Times New Roman (12-point font).
- **Deadline for full consideration is Feb 20, 2026, by 12:00 pm MT.**

Selection Criteria: Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by ICR Staff and Governing Board Members using the following criteria:

- Student's previous academic record.
- Quality of research plan and design.
- Quality of the mentoring plan.
- Feasibility that the student fellow will be able to complete the portion of the project outlined in the project description during the award period.

Reporting Requirements: The Student Researcher in collaboration with their Mentor/PI will submit a report that summarizes the (1) outcomes of the research, (2) provides an accounting award expenditures, any dissemination activities or planned activities, such as conference presentation or campus research symposium presentation, as well as (4) address any future research plans or outcomes that leverage the outcomes from the award (e.g. application for future funding by the Student or PI, incorporation of outcomes in a thesis or journal article, etc.)

The report will be submitted to csup_icr-reseach@csupueblo.edu on or before October 31, 2026.

Applications:

Applications should be saved as a single PDF document with the applicants first and last name in the file name (e.g. Jane_Doe_ICR_Student_Research_Award_2026.pdf). Questions and completed applications can be submitted to csup_icr-reseach@csupueblo.edu Please include "ICR - Student Research Award" in the subject line.