



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
Center for the Study of Economics and Liberty

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS
GUIDELINES AND SUBMISSION PROCESS**

1. Proposal

The Center for the Study of Economics and Liberty (CSEL) has established a program to solicit and fund undergraduate research projects. Through this program, the CSEL intends to fund undergraduate research projects versing on themes related to individual liberty, economic freedom and principled entrepreneurship.

2. Funding

Awardees will receive up to \$2,000 per project.

3. Eligibility

All Mercer University students are encouraged to apply for the grants.

4. Application Deadlines

Fall 2026

Application deadline: September 11, 2026

Manuscript deadline: December 8, 2026

Students who receive funding will also be required to present their work at BEAR Day (April 2027).

5. Report

A report of the outcome, such as a working paper or submission for publication is required by December 8, 2026.

6. Process for applying

Please submit your application by the application deadline. All applicants will be contacted with a decision within one week of the deadline.

To be considered, students must submit:

1. A complete application;
2. A description of the project to include:
 - Title of project
 - Purpose of the research project
 - Methodology
 - Possible outcomes from the research project

Proposals will be evaluated by the director of the CSEL, Dr. Antonio Saravia, and a committee of professors from the Stetson Hatcher School of Business.

Applications should be submitted to Dr. Antonio Saravia at saravia_av@mercerv.edu.

7. Evaluation

Research proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevance of project to themes of individual liberty, economic freedom and principled entrepreneurship (30 percent)
- Quality of the proposal (purpose of the research, methodology, etc. (40 percent)
- Research plan (30 percent)

8. Disclaimers

1. Publication or presentation of project results, either in whole or part, must recognize the CSEL's support with the following statement: "(Partial) funding for this project came from the Center for the Study of Economics and Liberty at Mercer University."
2. Students receiving awards will be required to publish (at the time the manuscript is due) a one-page abstract of the project on the CSEL's webpage.