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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SPRING 2026 HONORS THESIS RESEARCH AWARDS

Dear colleagues,

[Spring 2026 Senior Honors Thesis Research Award applications](#) are now available.

There will be two rounds of awards for those students who will be seniors in the 2026-2027 school year. Students may only apply for one round of awards. The first round (the deadline for which is **Friday, February 27 at 4:00 pm**) will support students from those programs which begin the honors research experience in the spring term of the student's junior year and other students whose projects are sufficiently well-planned that they could begin work over the summer. A second round of awards will be made mid-way through the fall term next year. I will reserve part of the funds for especially worthy projects for which funding needs arise in between the two regular application periods. You should call these cases to my attention as they come to yours.

Funds from the Senior Honors Thesis Research Awards program may be used to support any legitimate cost directly connected to the undertaking of the honors project: laboratory equipment or supplies, computer software or time, costs related to field research, artistic supplies or equipment, travel, and books or periodicals not available through normal library sources—among others. Except in unusual circumstances, individual awards will not exceed \$500.

Your help is crucial to the successful operation of the program. Would you please:

1. Advertise this opportunity to students in your department pursuing an honors thesis during the 2026-2027 academic year. All applicants must be eligible to participate in departmental honors **AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. PLEASE DO NOT SEND FORWARD ANY APPLICATION FROM A STUDENT WITH AN OVERALL GPA OF LESS THAN 3.300.**
2. Establish a departmental deadline for the completed applications AND thesis advisor recommendation to be returned to you.
3. If there are two or more applications from your department, rank order them in terms of overall merit and indicate your ranking in the space provided on the application form (page 1).
4. **SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO JASON CLEMMONS (jason@unc.edu) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026, 4:00 PM.**

Award decisions will be announced in March.

Thanks for your help.

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