

University Scholars Program
SURGE Application Criteria

The application opens October 1st. The Winter/Spring deadline is October 15. The Summer deadline is November 15. To be eligible for funding, students must be in good standing at the sophomore level or higher, have completed at least one honors course prior to being awarded, have a cumulative UCA GPA of 3.50 or higher, plan to complete the University Scholars Program, and have at least one semester of university and honors coursework remaining upon the completion of the proposed experience.

The Honors Grant Application will ask you to provide the following information:

- 1) Grant Type and Sub-Type
 - a. SURGE
 - i. Research Assistantship
 - ii. Independent Research
 - iii. Other
- 2) Beginning and End Dates
- 3) Total and Requested Amounts (students should request only the funds needed that will not be covered by other scholarships, family contributions, additional grant support, etc.; and the requested amount should not exceed 75% of the total cost unless the student is Pell-eligible.
- 4) Proposal
 - Abstract, 100-200 words (5pts)-brief description of your overall proposal to help refresh the reader's memory
 - Rationale (35pts total):
 - Academic Merit/Educational Benefits, 200-400 words (20pts)-A statement detailing the academic enrichment the student will receive by participating in this experience with specific attention to how the experience relates to scholars outcomes (see uca.edu/honors/usp-mission for more information about scholars learning outcomes-i.e. social responsibility, expertise, and leadership). Discuss how the proposed experience will have a larger impact on the Scholars community, including, but not limited to a publication, conference presentation, future thesis research, or other research.
 - Impact of Experience (15pts)-A persuasive personal statement of how the student will be influenced or affected by the proposed opportunity
 - Budget (15pts)-An itemized budget is provided with rationale for each expenditure; and it is clear that each expenditure is necessary for the experience; plus shows evidence of individual, family, community, or additional grant support. Line items (when appropriate) will include items such as transportation, lodging, meals, etc.
 - Study plans (15pts)-Comprehensive statement of travel plans, stating destination(s) and dates or a plan detailing internship or research experience
 - Vita (5pts)-Indicates major, current GPA, honors courses completed, major papers written, undergraduate publications and/or public presentations, scholarships, grants, and awards received