

COAST Undergraduate Student Research Awards

AY 2024-25

Application Priority Deadline: Friday, November 15, 5:00 p.m. PDT

The CSU Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology (COAST) is the CSU system-wide affinity group for marine and coastal related activities. COAST integrates system-wide resources and promotes interdisciplinary multi-campus collaborations to advance our knowledge of California's natural coastal and marine resources and the processes that affect them. The scope of COAST includes the ocean, coast and coastal watersheds. COAST's goals are to:

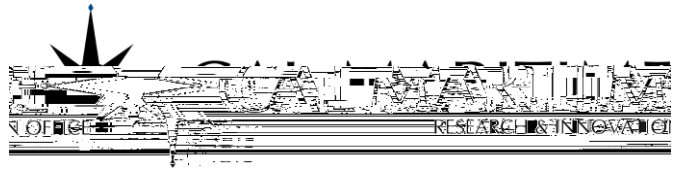
Advance our knowledge of natural coastal and marine resources and the processes that affect them

Support research related to marine, estuarine, and coastal regions.

Develop innovative solutions to the economic, sociological, ecological and technological challenges that our coastal zone faces

Promote environmental literacy to foster stewardship and sustainable use of our coast

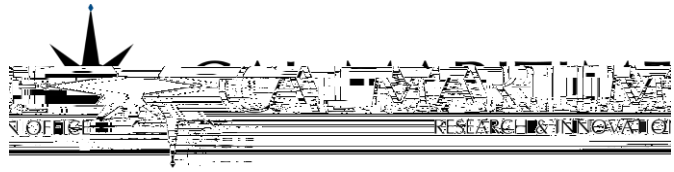
COAST aims to increase CSU student participation in faculty-mentored marine and coastal research throughout the CSU. Through funding from the Chancellor's Office and the campuses, COAST provides support to CSU undergraduate students (total program amount per CSU campus is \$3,07.17 Td(8()TjETQq0 0 612 792 reW*ns,01 312 Tf30 0 612 m)-6 (612



Only one student may request funds on a single project. Projects designed between a collaborative team must be documented with separate proposal submissions. Students may submit only one application in response to this announcement. Faculty members may sponsor more than one student.

Application Materials and Instructions

COAST Undergraduate Research Awards are open to ALL academically eligible Cal Maritime undergraduate students. Students must identify and work closely with a research advisor to develop and submit their project proposal. While the COAST Undergraduate Research Award is made to students, the program is intended to increase faculty - student collaboration and scholarship on campus and faculty advisors should be prepared to make a substantial contribution of time in support of research projects.

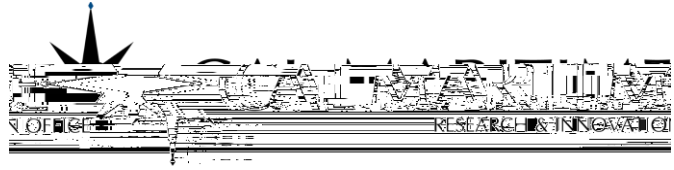


research and must comment on the student's ability to successfully conduct and complete the proposed project. Letters must verify that the student has a major GPA of 2.5 or better at the time of application. Faculty members must submit their letters as pdf files directly to COAST using the submission link; all letters will remain confidential.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on the quality of the research described, how the proposed research meets one or more of the goals of COAST, and the need for support. The following evaluation criteria will be employed:

Project description (55 points): Quality of writing (15) (5)-3(1) (5)-3(1) (5)-319.79 Tm0 g0r81 0 0 1



Important Financial Aid and Tax Liability Information

Applicants are *strongly encouraged* to consult with their campus financial aid office *prior to applying* to COAST to determine the potential impact of this award to other forms of compensation provided through their university, including financial aid. All forms of assistance must be coordinated through campus financial aid offices. COAST awards will be processed by the campus *in coordination with* other forms of financial support. Please be advised that receiving and accepting a COAST award could lead to a decrease in other forms of financial assistance. Ordinarily, adjustments (if any) are made to loans first before other grants or scholarships. Award recipients should contact their campus financial aid office to determine how the award may affect their total financial aid package.

Because of Internal Revenue Service and other requirements, campuses may also consult with accounting, human resources and international programs staff to determine appropriate method of payment and any tax withholding requirements. Award recipients should