

Auburn University
Center for Polymers and Advanced Composites
Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program



Amount: up to \$4000 annually

Deadline: March 3, 2023

Eligibility

- Students must be enrolled at Auburn University in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.
- Students must be actively engaged in research relevant to the Center for Polymers and Advanced Composites (CPAC).
- Students must have time to complete their fellowship term before graduation.
- Students may not hold an undergraduate research fellowship from more than one Auburn University program concurrently.

How to Apply

- A student and faculty mentor should apply as a pair. The student should begin by identifying a faculty mentor who agrees to work with them.
- The student should search for “**Alabama Textile Education Foundation Fund for Excellence**” under Opportunities in AUSOM and complete the application. A major component of the application is a statement of the student’s research question and research plan (maximum 500 words combined), which should be discussed with the faculty mentor.
- The faculty mentor will be contacted by email separately to provide a letter of recommendation.

Expectations for Fellows

- Fellows are expected to work on their proposed research project for 10 hours per week during the semester or 15 hours per week during the summer.
- Fellows will submit a written report on their research progress at the end of each semester in which they are supported by the fellowship.
- Fellows will give a presentation at the annual Auburn Research Student Symposium during the year in which they receive their fellowship. Either oral or poster presentation format is acceptable and should be selected with the faculty mentor.
- Any fellow that does not follow these requirements may be subject to fellowship revocation and return of funds.

Fellow Activities

Fellows will be invited to participate in informal gatherings throughout the fellowship year to discuss their research activities and other topics of mutual interest. In addition to presenting a poster at the annual Auburn Research Student Symposium, fellows are also encouraged to present at regional or national meetings and publish their work.

Expectations for Faculty Mentors

- Faculty who are interested in being a mentor should be committed to teaching the student, on a one-to-one basis, how to perform research.
- Faculty mentors are expected to spend at least one hour per week with the fellow during an academic semester or two hours per week during the summer.

Governance

Support for the program is provided by Alabama Textile Education Foundation Scholarships through the Alabama Textile Education Foundation Endowed Fund for Excellence. The program is managed by CPAC. Fellowship applications will be evaluated by a committee of CPAC representatives and guided by mission and interests of the center. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact CPAC at aucpac@auburn.edu.