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Proposal Three-dimensional assessment of whole body vibration transmission using high speed motion analysis and accelerometry.
Department HPER
Faculty Mentor Dr. Eadric Bressel
Total Budget \$1000 (VPR portion of \$500)

The faculty review panel has completed its work on the current round of Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant Proposals. In making the decisions about funding, the panel looked at a number of criteria: thoroughness and clarity of the project description; the independence of the project from faculty work; the specificity of the timeline and budget; the level of faculty and department support; and the principal investigator's background and interest in the topic. As always, our primary purpose in research is to fill a gap in the knowledge base of the field of study.

I am pleased to report that your proposal was recommended for funding. The panel made the following comments:

This seems to be very good, clear, easy to understand proposal. Bravo! Fund outright.

To help you understand how the budget process works, the Senior Business Officer for Research, Ms. Lorraine Walker, will meet with you and explain the details about in-kind support, equipment purchase, and materials support. Please contact her at Lorraine.Walker@usu.edu to make meeting arrangements. She needs to know immediately how you would like your grant money allocated. Some departments receive the grant money, where an accountant oversees it. This is typical protocol in the sciences. In other departments, students need the money to purchase materials, and in that case, a check for the amount can be created. Every investigator is held accountable for the ethical use of research funds and for providing a financial report at the end of the project. Students who do not use the funds with integrity will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

A final report of your project, including accounting of all expenditures, will be due to the Office of Research no later than April 15. **Please note this date in your calendar.** Sample final reports can be found on the Office of Research website: <http://research.usu.edu/undergrad/htm/funding-opportunities/urco/>. The final report should be 1-2 pages summarizing what was done and the results. Please include a paragraph on the **impact** of having an URCO Grant on your professional and academic development. The narrative portion of the report may be sent electronically to Joyce.Kinkead@usu.edu. Deliver final financial reports to the Vice President for Research Office, Old Main 159 (summarizing how the project was completed and delineating expenditures, including all receipts). Any unused URCO funds must be returned to URCO. Failure to close out the URCO grant officially can result in holds being placed on records. If your project requires an **extension**, please make this request to me by e-mail, noting the extenuating circumstances and projecting a completion date. Any requests for extensions must have the support of the faculty mentor.

As you embark on your project, do keep in mind the importance of dissemination—sharing your work with others. We are very pleased that ASUSU supports student travel to professional conferences through its **Academic Opportunity Fund**. (Application forms can be found at the website mentioned above.) The Vice President for Research supports student travel and presentations at the following annual events:

- Undergraduate Research Day at the State Capitol (January 28, 2010)
 - Applications due November 1 www.usu.edu/research/undergrad
- Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (February 25-26, 2010)
 - Applications due November 9 www.ucur.org
- Council on Undergraduate Research “Posters on the Hill” in Washington, DC
 - Applications due November 1 www.cur.org;
- National Conference on Undergraduate Research (April 14-17, 2010)
 - Applications due December 1 www.ncur.org;
- USU Student Showcase & Celebration of 35th Anniversary! (March 30, 2010)
 - Applications due March 1 or before

The Undergraduate Research site on our USU homepage has a number of helpful items on it, including a link to a new national website for undergraduate researchers: www.webguru.neu.edu. Another important website that you should know is www.usu.edu/honors, which has an excellent page on national and international scholarships and fellowships. For instance, several USU students have won the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship (\$7500) for their work in science, and we have a USU graduate who just completed studying at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. The National Science Foundation (NSF) offers wonderful Graduate Fellowships, and undergraduate research is terrific preparation. Again, several USU students have won these awards.

Utah State University offers a special transcript designation for ***Undergraduate Research Scholars***; the application form is on the Undergraduate Research website. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of two semesters of research, scholarship, or creative activity, disseminate the results, and have the endorsement of the faculty mentor.

Finally, we wish to provide you with the name and contact information of the liaison librarians so that you are aware about the availability of subject librarians, who can provide support to you. Truly, librarians are the unsung heroes of academe.

Congratulations on your proposal. You are making the most of your education at Utah State University. URCO Grants were initiated at Utah State in 1975. We celebrate our 35th Anniversary this year! You join a long tradition of researchers who ask questions and solve problems for the greater good. If I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

Sincerely,

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<https://Research.usu.edu/undergrad>

Subject Librarian Assignments

Contact the subject librarians assigned to your department to suggest materials for the library collection, have a research consultation, schedule a library instruction session for your course, or to ask questions about library policies and procedures.

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