

2021 Pauline Schatz Memorial Undergraduate Research Award
California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation

Grant Purpose:

The purpose of this fund is to honor Pauline Schatz that aims to demonstrate the value of dietetics professionals on public health or demonstrate the evolving role of dietetics professionals in the profession, with a research focus on activities that include research in diverse communities and/or support access to dietetics and food. A research grant will be given to a faculty member working with undergraduate students on research that directly impact the dietetics community in California and reflect the mission of the foundation.

MISSION: The California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation contributes to optimizing the health and nutrition of the public by supporting Community Outreach, and Quality Dietetic Education, Research & Practice.

The Board of the California Academy Foundation is committed to supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Initiatives in our state. Our funds are utilized to increase scholarships for diverse populations, to engage in community activities that support access to healthy food options, education, and to bring our professional knowledge to ALL communities in California.

The research project should aim to

Demonstrate the value of dietetics professionals on the health of the California public OR
Demonstrate the evolving role of dietetics professionals in the profession AND
Demonstration of a focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will be weighed AND
Focus within the one or more of the three undergraduate education areas on community nutrition, clinical nutrition, or food service.

Value: \$5,000 for a two-year project (2 projects will be chosen)

The applicants must:

Be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics affiliated with California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Affiliated with a California Educational Institution within an undergraduate program.

Not have a principal investigator who is a member of the board of the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation or the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at the time of submission.

Fund Distribution

Funds from this grant will be distributed in the following manner:

- August 2021 \$2000 at award of the grant
- August 2022 \$3000 at the beginning of the second year

Grant Timeline:

Applications due April 1, 2021

Projects: August 2021-May 2023

Reporting Guidelines

- Grantees must submit progress reports every six months, including a midterm and final report, to the Foundation using the Foundation's standard reporting template.
- The reporting template will be shared with recipients after grant notifications are sent.
- Grantees must present a poster at the California Academy Annual Conference in April 2023 with data to date.

Publication

- Grantees are required to acknowledge the Foundation as a funder of the research in any publications, posters, or presentations that result from the funded work.
- Grantees are required to share a PDF copy of any publications that result from the funded work with the Foundation.

Changes to Proposed Research

- Grant funding may only be used for the purposes identified in the recipient's application and proposal.
- Should you need to submit a request for any of the following purposes, please submit to ca_academy@dietitian.org
 - No-Cost Grant Extension
 - Please note, no cost-grant extensions should be received no later than one month prior to the grant's final deadline.
 - Budgetary Change
 - Research Plan Change/Shift-in-Focus
 - PI or University Changes
 - Addition or Removal of Researchers

The following requirements govern the submission of all proposals:

- Proposals must be submitted through the [online form](#), no emails will be accepted.
- Proposals should be single-spaced 12-point type with 1" margins on all sides and should not exceed 10 pages.
 - The application, biographical sketches and budget contained within the application are not counted towards the proposal's page limit and should be uploaded separately
 - The page limit must include any additional sections not listed in the scoring criteria the applicant may submit, such as appendices or tabular.
- The proposal must include the following components:
 - Title
 - Investigators
 - Brief Abstract
 - Hypothesis/Objectives/ PICO Question
 - Background and Significance
 - Methods
 - Statistical Design
 - Timeline
 - Feasibility within Timeline

- References
- Include a resume or CV of the applicant (principal investigator), bio of the student(s), co-investigator, and at least one letter of support from the academic institution.
- Additional materials will not be considered and should not be submitted.
- Proposals will be treated as a privileged communication. No copies of the proposal will be returned to the applicant.

The completed proposal and requested attachments must be submitted through the [file request link](#) contained within this application. No emailed or mailed paper applications will be accepted.

Scoring Criteria

Proposals will be selected using the following criteria and will be scored based on the points for each criterion, please note innovation will be highly considered:

- Research Problem Statement 20 points
- Objectives 15 points
- Research plan with lit review 25 points
 - Approach and anticipated results
- Implementation 10 points
- Deliverables 10 point
- Timeline 5 points
- Budget 10 points
- Capability of the principal investigator and team 5 points

Application information

If you are selected as a winner, your name may be published in various promotional materials for the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. Please write your full name with any credentials you hold exactly how you would like it printed.

Credential Requirements:

Only list your highest academic credentials earned

Incorrect: Jane P. Doe, PhD, MS, RDN, CNSC

Correct: Jane P. Doe, PhD, RDN, CNSC

Do not include any undergraduate credentials (BS, BSc, BA, etc.)

Incorrect: Jane P. Doe, BS, RDN

Correct: Jane P. Doe, RDN

Commas must be included when listing credentials.

Incorrect: Jane P. Doe PhD RDN CNSC

Correct: Jane P. Doe, PhD, RDN, CNSC

Budget Guidelines

Budget should not exceed \$5,000. Any application submitted without expense justification will not be considered for grant funding.

The following restrictions apply to ALL Foundation Grants:

- 25% of budget can be toward software and equipment
- Foundation grant fund may not be applied toward the following prohibited expenses:
 - Indirect or overhead costs

- Fringe benefits
- Fines, penalties, damages, or settlements resulting from violations, or alleged violations of, or failure to comply with federal, state, tribal, local, or foreign laws and regulations
- Travel expenses unless such travel will provide a direct benefit to the project (e.g., data collection, research purposes, presentation of research findings, etc.).
 - This includes registration fees for symposiums and seminars unless deemed necessary to accomplish project objectives.
- Restrictions on salary support are as follows:
 - Salary support is a prohibited expense for research grants valued under \$10,000*.
 - Salary support is considered an allowable expense for research grants valued at \$10,000* or greater.
 - Salary support for all personnel (PI, co-investigators, etc.), including any consultant costs, is capped at 50% of grant funding.
 - The total amount of Foundation grant funds used for durable goods and/or equipment expected to surpass the lifespan of the grant is limited to 30% of total grant funding.

* The grant values provided above reference the total amount of grant funding made available, not the amount the proposed budget is for (e.g., an applicant who applies for a \$10,000 grant would be allowed to budget for salary support even if their total budget came out to \$9,500).

Paula Schatz Memorial Undergraduate Research Grant Budget Limitations:

- Budget should not exceed \$15,000; grant amount is \$5,000 so matching funds are requested to review and should be noted in budget
- Direct costs should only be included, indirect costs will not be paid

Budget Template

File Download:

Budget

The budget you upload must follow the Foundation's Grant Budget Template in order to be considered for funding.