CARAS Project Grant Portal Application
Instructions for Applicants

New in 2023: CARAS Project Grant Applications must be submitted and reviewed entirely through TU Portal. PDF and paper applications are no longer accepted.

To access the application, navigate to the Enrichment Programs Portal (https://tuportal6.temple.edu/group/home/enrichment-programs) and click on the “Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship (CARAS) Program” tab.

To create a new submission, click the orange “Create New” button. Your submission will remain in this section as a draft that you can continue editing until the deadline. After you have submitted the application, it will appear in the “Submitted” row below. You will be able to view it but not edit it.
Once you create a new submission, you will see a drop-down arrow to expand the application instructions. You must open this and read the eligibility guidelines and instructions fully and carefully before submitting your application.

The Creative Arts, Research And Scholarship (CARAS) Program provides undergraduate students with project grants of up to $4,000 in support of scholarly, research or creative arts projects undertaken with the supervision of a faculty mentor. The grants are competitive and limited in number. One half of the research award is provided from the student’s school or college, and a matching half is provided from the Office of the Provost. The program is administered by Undergraduate Studies.

CARAS Project Grant Eligibility and Guidelines (READ CAREFULLY):

- Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students. Team submissions are accepted, but all members of the team must meet eligibility requirements.
- Students must complete at least one full-time undergraduate semester after completion of the project.
- Awards are limited to a maximum of $4,000 per student or group project.
- Students may receive only one award in an academic year.
- Students are eligible for only one university-funded grant per scholarship experience.
- Tuition costs, equipment costs, and durable goods are not covered by this award.
- Supplies normally provided by the student's school/college department are not covered by this award.
- Travel to countries under a U.S. State Dept. Travel Advisory of level 3 or 4 is not covered by this award.
- International travel is subject to Temple's International Travel Policy, including any required additional applications and approvals, deadlines for which may be well in advance of travel.
- Student stipends are not awarded for projects for which a student is earning academic credit.
- Faculty mentor must be a full-time faculty member at Temple University.

Expectations of Grant Recipients:

Upon completion of the project, grant recipients must provide a digital copy of their project and a 2-3 page summary report indicating the results of the project, its significance, and any plans to develop the work for conference presentation or publication. Grant recipients are expected to consider submitting their work to local, regional and/or national conferences and apply to participate in Temple’s annual Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creativity.

Application Requirements:

Only complete applications will be considered. After submitting the online form by the deadline an email will automatically be sent to the listed faculty mentor requesting their endorsement of the application form and a letter of recommendation. Once these items are submitted, the application will automatically be sent to the student's school/college CARAS Approver for endorsement. All items below must be received through TUPortal in order for an application to be complete and ready for review:

- **TUPortal Application Form** (including abstract, project proposal, and budget proposal and rationale)
- **Mentor Endorsement and Letter** detailing the student's preparedness to undertake the project and ability to see it to completion. The letter should also indicate the amount of support the faculty mentor will provide, the contribution of the project to the field, and the student's potential to contribute to the discipline in the future.
- **CARAS School/College Approver Endorsement**

Questions: Email CARAS@temple.edu
Begin filling out the application. Define your project dates based on how long you will need to complete the project within the date parameters provided, but keep in mind that you must plan to be enrolled at Temple for a minimum of one full-time semester after your project end date.

Projects must begin after May 12, 2023 and must end before December 20, 2023. You must plan to be enrolled at Temple for at least one full-time semester after your project end date.

- **Project Start Date**
- **Project Completion Date**

**Title**

- Does this project involve international travel?
  - Yes
  - No

- Will you be earning academic credit for this project? (Students registering for academic credit may not receive a student stipend)
  - Yes
  - No

**Abstract**

Please provide a brief, focused description of the proposed project. If your project is of a scientific or technical nature, your abstract should present the focus and significance of the project in non-technical terms.
Make sure to **read the prompt carefully and address all of the prompt questions in your response**. The response should be in essay format (not bullet points). CARAS projects must result in a final project deliverable. This should be a tangible piece of scholarship that is suitable for your field (the format should be defined in consultation with your faculty mentor). Posters and conference presentations are encouraged but are not considered a final deliverable. Typically, students in most STEM, humanities, and social science fields will be expected to submit a paper or write-up of their results whereas those in creative fields may submit a work of art, literature, exhibit, film, etc.

When submitting budget calculations, please estimate based on the real costs, project dates, and hours per week necessary to complete your project. If the calculation exceeds $4000 in the worksheet below, that is fine. Just know that you will only be considered for a maximum award of $4000 toward your project budget.

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**Proposal**

In a well-focused essay, describe your research/creative project. Indicate the coursework or experiences that have prepared you for this project, the project’s specific focus and scope, and its significance to your undergraduate course of study and/or professional development. Be sure to communicate what the final project or deliverable will be (i.e. paper, exhibit, film, etc.).

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**Budget**

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Total Number of Weeks (Student Stipend)*

0

**Total Stipend (# hrs/wk x # wks x $15):** $0

**Total Project Budget (not to exceed $4,000):** $0

Itemized list of supplies, materials, or travel with estimated costs. Please enter N/A if this does not apply to you.

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Budget Rationale: Please provide a justification for your budget. Be as specific and detailed as possible.
List the Temple e-mail addresses of any team members (if applicable).

List the Temple e-mail of your faculty mentor. Your faculty mentor must be a full-time faculty member at Temple in order to be eligible. Both tenure and non-tenure track faculty are eligible to be mentors, but part-time/adjunct faculty are not. Faculty at other universities are not eligible. The system will not allow you to move forward with your application unless you provide the email address of an eligible mentor. If you are certain your mentor is eligible but are still being blocked by the application system, please contact CARAS@temple.edu.

If funded, I will submit a project plan approved by my faculty mentor specifying dates for periodic progress reports within two (2) weeks of the beginning of the project. In addition, I agree to provide the required end of project reports, and submit my work to university-sponsored and professional forums as appropriate.
Once you hit the “submit” button on your application, you will be able to view your submission but no further edits will be possible. If you notice that you have made a mistake in the application after submission and the deadline has not yet passed, you can select the “Withdraw” button on the right-hand side to withdraw your application and create a new application. You can also withdraw your submission at any time if you would like to remove yourself from consideration.