

## Antoni Kosinski and Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski Endowed Research Fund in French Studies

We want to support you to do research or creative work in, around and about French! Do you have an idea, an inspiration, an experience in class that you want to grow? Are you interested in a creative engagement with French? Do you want to explore a French-related aspect to your other major?

Thanks to the generosity of Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski and Antoni Kosinski, the Department of French and Italian is offering awards of **\$1,000** to support original undergraduate research in topics related to French, French-speaking world regions, or France.

If you are looking for a unique, student-driven experience that allows you to research a question, explore a problem, compare an issue, or create an intervention in dialogue with French, the French-speaking world, or France, we are here to support you!

The **RBK Undergraduate Research Award** supports undergraduates at Pitt with funds of \$1,000 for a research or creative project conducted in spring semester or during summer.

- Project proposals can be research-oriented or creative
- Projects must engage with some aspect of French, French-speaking regions or countries, or France
- Projects may be conducted/composed in French or English
- Team or pair projects will be considered
- Award funds will support expenses including travel and living costs and/or materials for research or creative work. Projects can “add on” to a study abroad experience (such as Pitt’s Nantes program.) Proposals may be part of an [Honors thesis project](#)
- Projects must have a tangible outcome (paper, creative production, film, website, translation, Honors thesis, etc.)
- Non-French majors can apply

French faculty are here to help you! Feel free to consult one or some of your professors as you craft your proposal. We also invite you to indicate a possible French faculty mentor in your proposal. All students who are awarded a French Undergraduate Research Award will choose or be assigned a faculty mentor to support them in their project.

How to apply?

1. Write a 225-500 word typed description of your proposed project.

This proposal should:

- present your research question or describe your proposed creative work
- identify what texts/documents/objects/films you will be researching
- explain how your project engages with French/French-speaking world regions/France
- identify what your project goals are
- detail how you expect to realize your project goals
- identify how and when you will present your research/creative work

2. Fill out the [French Undergraduate Research Awards Application Form, here](#).

3. Submit your proposal and application form by email attachment (Word or PDF) to [hoggca@pitt.edu](mailto:hoggca@pitt.edu) by **December 10**.

Your proposal will be evaluated by the RBK Selection Committee; research awards will be announced in January for use by August 30.