

Sustainability in France Research Fund

We want to support you to do research or creative work on topics related to sustainable or “Green” France or French-speaking world regions. The Paris Accords, nuclear power, food sustainability, sustainable tourism, eco-technologies, eco-philosophy, eco-art: what does “Green” and “French” or “francophone” mean to you?

Thanks to the generosity of the community of donors who support us, the Department of French and Italian is offering awards of **\$1,000** to support original undergraduate research in topics related to sustainability and French, French-speaking world regions, or France. Funds may be used to support summer student research, conduct field work, write an Honors thesis, do archival work, or craft a creative project.

The **Sustainability in France 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 sustainability and 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 may 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 in English 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 sustainability and 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 by **December 10.**

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