

THE ANTONI KOSINSKI AND RENATE BLUMENFELD-KOSINSKI
ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

Are you taking an intermediate or an advanced class in French and Francophone studies? Is there a research project that you are already planning for this class, and that you could bring to further completion during the spring semester or summer? Could you use a **\$1000** scholarship to help you achieve your vision? We are here to help you apply. Two workshops will be organized in late October and mid-November, well before the submission deadline.

A longer description of the Scholarship is available at the following URL:
http://www.frenchanditalian.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/RBK%20Undergraduate%20Research%20Award%20Final_0.pdf

These are **the basics**:

- Project proposals can be research-oriented or creative: podcasts, videos, performance, poetry collection or fiction, essays are welcome.
- 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
- 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!

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.
3. Submit your proposal and application form by email attachment (Word or PDF) to Giuseppina Mecchia, at mecchia@pitt.edu by February 1 2024. Your proposal will be evaluated by the RBK Selection Committee; research awards will be announced in late February for use by August 30.