

Chez Veterans Center & Illini Veterans

Student Research Award

Request for Applications

Spring, 2021

The purposes of the Chez Veterans Center Student Research Award are to both encourage student-veterans to participate in research and to highlight research activities centered on veterans and military-affiliated communities being conducted by UIUC students. Sponsored in part by the Illini Veterans at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (Student Veterans of America chapter) and facilitated through the Chez Veterans Center's Military Service Knowledge Collaborative, this award is intended to recognize the efforts of students at UIUC who are either 1) student-veterans conducting any type of research or 2) non-veteran students conducting research with military/veteran (M/V) populations.

Award Details

- There will be a total of two awards given per year: one graduate and one undergraduate award (dependent on the pool of applications each year, two undergraduate students or two graduate students may be awarded, as determined by the selection committee).
- Each award will be in the amount of \$1,000.
- A committee comprised of faculty/administrators, CVC staff, and student researchers will determine award recipients.
- Awards will be announced each spring semester and given out during a CVC award ceremony.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a UIUC undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled full time at time of applying.
- Must be currently engaged with research at UIUC, as evidenced on your CV or resume. Both on-campus and online UIUC students are welcome.
- Must be either:
 - *A student veteran, as proven by a DD-214, or be a student on Active Duty as proven by submission of orders (includes current National Guard and Reservist Service Members)
 - OR
 - *A non-veteran student whose research primarily involves M/V populations or situations
- Students who have received this award in the previous award cycle are not eligible to apply again the following year (**those who applied but were not selected last year are strongly encouraged to apply again this year**).

Application Process

- All required information and documents are due no later than April 11, 2021 by 11:59pm.
- Email any questions to jeni@illinois.edu with "Chez Veterans Center Student Research Award" in the subject line of the email.
- Required documents:

1. An educational CV or resume. Be sure to include any research, presentations, workshops, classes, and seminars involving M/V populations or culture that you have been involved in.
2. If student veteran, a copy of DD-214 or current duty orders
3. A letter from the student explaining why they believe they are a strong candidate for this award. This letter should be no longer than two pages and speak to the student's interests, background, and strengths as a researcher, particularly as it relates to military experiences. Formatting is Times New Roman, 12 font size, and 1" margins.
 - ***For Veterans:** Letter should focus on their efforts to advance research and how being a veteran influences or benefits their research process.
 - ***For non-veterans:** Letter should focus on their research with M/V populations or situations and should explain why their research is important, inspiring, or insightful.
4. A letter of reference from a UIUC faculty member or academic mentor who can speak on the student's research performance and intellectual capabilities.

How to Submit

- The aforementioned 'Required documents', other than the faculty letter of reference, should be submitted and uploaded in the **student submission form** at the following link: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1246506>.
- Faculty will submit their name, department information, and email as well as upload their letter of reference in the **faculty submission form** at the following link: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/5860086>.