

# ARC Scholar Awards Summer & Fall 2026

**\$2,000**

PER AWARDEE

**4**

AWARDS AVAILABLE

**Graduate & Undergraduate**

2 GRAD (SUMMER) • 1 GRAD + 1 UNDERGRAD (FALL)

The ARC Scholar Award supports undergraduate and graduate students pursuing innovative aging research across biological, biomedical, psychological, social, environmental, and economic disciplines — conducted under the mentorship of an SHSU faculty member.

## SUBMIT TO

**Dr. Berna Rahi**

Chair of Review Committee

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## SUMMER DEADLINE (GRADUATE)

**Apr 30, 2026**

11:59 PM CST • Notify by May 15

## FALL DEADLINE (GRAD & UNDERGRAD)

**May 30, 2026**

11:59 PM CST • Notify by July 15

## REVIEW CRITERIA

- Alignment with ARC's mission
- Project design, feasibility & budget plan
- Significance to aging research
- Applicant's academic standing

## DECISION & FUNDING TIMELINE

Summer: Notify by **May 15, 2026**; funds start beginning of Summer; must be spent by **Aug 31, 2026**  
Fall: Notify by **July 15, 2026**; funds start beginning of Fall; must be spent by **Dec 31, 2026**

Award may be granted as a **scholarship** (tuition) or **hourly pay**.

## AWARDEE EXPECTATIONS

Present findings at SHSU Undergraduate Research Symposium  
Disseminate at state, national, or international conferences  
Final report due within 30 days of grant expiration

## ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at SHSU during Summer 2026 (for summer applicants) or Fall 2026 (for fall applicants)
- Research must focus on aging or aging-related topics in any discipline
- Students receiving other SHSU graduate/undergraduate research funding (excluding travel grants) at the same time are not eligible
- Awardees must participate in ARC student-centric activities and seminar series during Fall 2026

## PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Interest in Aging Research (1 page)
- Resume or CV (max 2 pages)
- Research Proposal:
  - Abstract ≤350 words
  - Background & Objectives (1 pg)
  - Significance to Aging Research (½ pg)
  - Methodology & Expected Outcomes (1 pg)
  - Timeline (½ pg)
  - References (AMA or APA 7th ed.)
- Faculty Letter of Recommendation — sent directly by mentor to [bx051@shsu.edu](mailto:bx051@shsu.edu) with subject:
- Applicant Name – ARC Scholar Award Fall 2026
- **Note: Discuss proposal with faculty mentor before submission. Any use of AI in writing must be disclosed.**

## FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- Arial 11pt
- 1-inch margins
- Combine all materials into one PDF
- Figures and legends must be clear and legible