



Reeves Summer Research Program 2026

The Reeves Summer Research Program, endowed by the Reeves Foundation, awards funding to teams consisting of one faculty mentor and up to two student researchers for summer activities including research, scholarship, and creative endeavors.

The program takes place on campus during Summer Session I and Summer Session II (**June 1 - July 30, 2026**). Reeves Scholars are expected to devote 29 hours per week to the program. Research at an off-campus location can be conducted with proper supervision by the faculty advisor if it is necessary or educationally desirable. However, any deviation must be approved by the Coordinator of Undergraduate Research (Dr. Brett Schofield, b.schofield@wingate.edu).

Award Benefits:

- \$3000 stipend for each Reeves Scholar (~\$11.50 per hour).
- Free on-campus student housing for the duration of the program (Move in on May 29; Move out on July 31). Transition housing can be purchased at the student's expense.
- \$3000 stipend for the faculty mentor (or \$3500 for projects with 2 students).
- Up to \$1000 for Project Expenses (or \$1500 for projects with 2 students).
- \$600 Travel Allowance for the Reeves Scholar. Expenses must be approved prior to travel and/or registration to guarantee funding.

Program Activities:

- The Reeves Scholar will conduct research for 29 hours per week during Summer Session I and Summer Session II. Note that Reeves Scholars may not work any other campus job during the program.
- The Reeves Scholar will attend a weekly on-campus seminar series if they are present on campus.
- The faculty mentor and Reeves Scholar(s) will complete a Learning Contract prior to the start of the program.
- The faculty mentor will provide a Project Report at the conclusion of the program.
- The Reeves Scholar will submit a written reflection about their experience.
- The Reeves Scholar will present their project at the Wellspring Symposium in Fall 2027 or Spring 2028.

Student Eligibility:

To qualify for the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application.
- Must be enrolled at Wingate University for Fall 2027 prior to the start of the program.

- International students must have applied for a Social Security Number (SSN) and must have a US bank account prior to the start of the program. Furthermore, international students may not take college classes during the program.

Faculty Eligibility:

All full-time faculty members who are not on one-year or terminal appointments are eligible to apply for the Reeves Summer Research Program. Faculty receiving summer research grants must be able to dedicate adequate time to mentoring their Reeves Scholar(s) and oversee the proposed projects. They are therefore discouraged from teaching summer classes during the award period.

Project Eligibility:

Proposals may be submitted in any academic discipline represented in the University. Each must come from a team including one faculty mentor and 1-2 student researchers. Submitting faculty and students must be eligible for the program (see above). All work involving the use of human subjects and animals require the approval of the Research Review Board. Please contact the chair of the review committee, Dr. Candace Lapan (c.lapan@wingate.edu) for more information. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcome and encouraged.

Reeves Summer Research Application:

Applications must be submitted digitally using this [google form](#) by February 27, 2026. A complete application consists of the following items, submitted together as a single document in PDF format:

1. Description of Project (up to 3 pages). This should include a proposed itemized budget of project expenses.
2. Faculty Impact Statement (up to 1 page) that describes how the project will help the mentor's teaching and research.
3. Student Impact Statement (up to 1 page for each student) written by the student that addresses the following questions:
 - Why are you interested in this research project?
 - What are your future educational and career goals following graduation from Wingate University, and how will this program benefit these career goals?
 - How have your previous experiences (such as prior research) prepared you to be successful in this program?
4. An unofficial transcript for each student.

Application Review Process:

The Academic Enrichment Programs Committee reviews and approves applications. In deciding which proposals are to be selected for funding and at what funding level, the Committee primarily considers the impact the project will have on the faculty and student(s). To a lesser degree, they also consider the scholarly merit of the project, feasibility of the proposal as a collaborative summer project, and potential for publication results. While some attention will be paid to distribution of awards across disciplines, each proposal will be judged on its own merits. Projects with 1 and 2 students are considered equally. Due to budget constraints, it is possible that a project with 2 students will be selected for funding with only a single student

Questions about the program should be directed to the Coordinator of Undergraduate Research (Dr. Brett Schofield, b.schofield@wingate.edu).