

- [Important Note](#)

If research is to be done outside of Lamar, then the mentor is requested to bring evidence from a person in charge of the other facility that the proposed research is welcome at that location, and all the safety measures and procedures will be enforced for the protection of our students, mentors, as well as of their equipment and property. In such a case, a written form will be generated by mentors and approved by the Director of O.U.R.

- [Amendments to the O.U.R. grant guidelines](#)

Amendments adopted by the Advisory Board Members on Sept. 7, 2022

1. Literature review (LR) has to be part of any O.U.R. proposal. Student submitters will indicate the appropriate literature for their projects with emphasis on the significance of the references selected and giving proper citations. It is expected that this should be done with mentor's assistance. The literature review will now be included in scoring two of the items from the rubric:

- For **HASBSEB projects** it should be **research project/thesis/ purpose and configuration/critical thinking** (with five points out of 10 points allocated for LR) and **organization and neatness of the proposal** (with five points out of 10 points allocated for LR).
- For **STEM projects** it should be **research question, hypothesis** (with five points out of 10 points allocated for LR) and **organization and neatness of the proposal** (with five points out of 10 points allocated for LR).

2. We accept submission from a student doing research in another research program ONLY for projects that are clearly distinctive in goals and purpose. These projects can be for topics from the same field of study. Also, the distinction between projects must be included in the Letter in Support from the mentor(s).

3. We encourage students to continue applying after one research experience, to another research experience, under O.U.R. programs (e.g., a S.U.R.F. winner is encouraged to continue with an O.U.R. grant, or vice-versa) or different programs (e.g., a S.U.R.F. fellow can become a McNair scholar and vice-versa), but we request that the goals and purpose of the new project to be distinctive.

The Office of Undergraduate Research requests to have a clear disclosure of what has been done in a previously sponsored research project and clearly state to what extent the new project is distinctive from the old one(s). The paragraph with such information will not count against the word limit or page limit of the O.U.R. grant proposal and can be written as a separate paragraph.