



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Taft Summer Research Institute Development Grants

(Grant Award Period: Summer 2025; TSRI Offerings: 2026/2027)

Taft units and Taft-sponsored research groups are invited to apply for **Taft Summer Research Institute Development Grants**. The \$2500 awards can be as stipend(s) for faculty and/or material costs to develop new short courses in humanistic methods for undergraduate students to be offered summer 2026 or 2027, with deliverables due by August 15, 2025 (see details below). We will make up to 4 awards. **Applications are due May 12, 2025, by 5pm.**

About Taft Summer Research Institutes

[Taft Summer Research Institutes](#) are week-long, in-person, non-credit bearing short courses in humanistic research methods open to all UC undergraduates, by application. Designed to build connections with faculty, graduate student, and community partner researchers, Taft Summer Research Institutes will prepare students to develop and pursue independent research projects. Each institute will offer a unique methodological and/or creative practice focus and meet in person. Accepted students must commit to attend all sessions and complete a post-institute survey. There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided each day. Our inaugural TSRI, Social Science in the Real World (May 5–9, 2025) received nearly 100 applications for 25 spots. There is a clear interest and demand for methods-focused summer research opportunities for undergraduate students.

Awardee Deliverables

By August 15, awardees will submit a complete proposal and budget (up to \$10,000) for their proposed Taft Summer Research Institute to be offered in 2026 or 2027, including:

1. a title, brief description, and student learning outcomes for the proposed TSRI;
2. a proposed schedule or itinerary, including titles and descriptions of workshops, a list of faculty, graduate students, alumni, and/or community partners (with brief bios) who will facilitate instruction, and any site visits (optional, but encouraged);
3. a rationale for how the TSRI will prepare students to pursue future research, study, and/or program offerings from Taft and Taft units, and
4. a budget, including any matching, partner, and/or unit-contributed funds.

Applications

We encourage interested applicants with questions about the current TSRI's structure and budget to contact us. To apply, send a brief letter of interest that outlines the following to taft@uc.edu :

- (a) the methodological or creative practice focus for your proposed TSRI;
- (b) how your TSRI will differ from existing course offerings, certificates, or degree programs; and
- (c) the name and contact information for the faculty responsible for developing the full proposal and budget, if your application is accepted, and the participating Taft unit or units.