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## Student research scholar program created

Oakland University's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Virinder K. Moudgil, recently announced the creation of the **University Student Research Scholar Program**, which will expose students to the challenges and excitement of research.

The program annually will award 20 to 40 student research scholars with \$1,000 each to support a research project for a minimum of one semester. Participants also will be offered an opportunity to apply for up to an additional \$500 in travel support to present their research results at a professional conference.

"We are extremely proud to offer students this opportunity to learn about the important elements of a solid research project and refine their skills in proposal writing," said Moudgil. "This is the way most good researchers start out and learn about the proposal process before they are funded by bigger agencies such as the National Institute of Health or the National Science Foundation."

Each applicant must have the endorsement and supervision of a faculty mentor through the proposed project period and provide an assessment of the quality, significance and potential impact of the research project. Applications will be accepted three times a year.

"Though the award is designed to support juniors and seniors, exceptional proposals from other undergraduate and graduate students will be considered," said Moudgil. "We want all of our students to have the opportunity to experience the satisfaction of conducting research in their major field of interest or to explore other fields."

"This is another way Oakland University is providing its students a visionary undergraduate experience and assisting them in developing the skills they will need to lead in tomorrow's workplace, laboratory and society."

### SUMMARY

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