Phi Upsilon Omicron® Educational Foundation Research Award

Call for Student Research Papers

Award winners will be expected to present their research during the Phi Upsilon Omicron National Biennial Conclave held every 2 years and provide a final copy of the research paper to be included in *The Candle, the Journal of Phi Upsilon Omicron*.

Award winners will receive complementary Conclave registration if in attendance and a monetary award of $1,000.

Application due date for the final paper is: December 1, 2026
Presentation Date: TBD- Fall 2028- During Phi U Conclave

Eligibility of the Undergraduate Applicant

- Must be a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron as an undergraduate
- Must be an undergraduate at the time the research was conducted
- Students who completed their degrees and graduated within the previous year prior to Conclave but are not attending graduate school are still eligible if the first two points apply
- Projects described within the research papers must be complete upon submission to be considered and should not have been previously published

Eligibility of the Graduate Applicant

- Must be a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron as a graduate student
- Must be a graduate student currently enrolled in an FCS related program at the time the research was conducted
- Students who completed their graduate degrees and graduated within the previous year prior to Conclave are still eligible if the first two points apply
- Projects described within the research papers must be complete upon submission to be considered and should not have been previously published

Paper Specifications

Papers submitted may describe student projects or research completed during seminar classes, independent study classes, or research for honors, a thesis or dissertation. All projects must be complete upon submission. Submissions must follow this format:

- Cover page must **not** be attached to the paper, but submitted as a separate attachment and include:
    - Author's name and any co-authors
    - Name of Phi U Chapter in which submitting author is a member
    - Name of Chapter advisor
    - Name of college/university at which Phi U Chapter is located
    - Student Status, i.e., junior, senior, graduate, or graduate student
    - Anticipated date of graduation
    - Email address

    - Phone number
    - Mailing address
- The body of the paper must **not** identify the author or the Phi U Chapter to which the author is a member; put title of paper at top
- If the research project had multiple authors, Phi U will acknowledge all authors of the work in marketing the presentation, however, the financial award will only be presented to the submitting student who should be the first author of the research and is expected to attend and present during the National Phi U Conclave. All authors are not required to be Phi U members, however the submitting student must be.
- Papers should not exceed 10 pages in length, excluding cover page, abstract and key words, references and appendices. Use 1-inch margins, double space, 12pt font size and Arial or Times New Roman font. APA Style (7th edition) must be used for citations, headings, references and any other formatting. Single space all references with second line indention.

Final research papers must be submitted via email to national@phiu.org using the subject line: Phi U Educational Foundation Research Award Submission. The final paper should be saved as a PDF. The Cover Page should be submitted as a separate attachment on the same email and can be saved as Word or PDF.

Criteria used for selecting the research award winner

A committee of Phi Upsilon Omicron leaders appointed by the Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation Board of Directors will blind review all submissions. All applicants will be notified by May 2027.

Review process:

- Paper topic must show relevance to family and consumer sciences and related areas
- Include an Abstract limited to 100 words
- Keywords: List up to 3 keywords which best relate to your paper's topic
- Logical organization with headings used as needed
- Suggested Sections to use: (1) Introduction; (2) Conceptual Framework/Theoretical Framework; (3) Purpose and Research Questions or Objectives; (4) Methods; (5) Results or Initial Results/Findings/Conclusions, if appropriate; and or sections appropriate for qualitative, historical, philosophical/theoretical, or mixed methods research
- Mechanics and documentation: free of errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation; appropriately documents sources
- Follows directions for submission