

2024-25 ARCS Scholar Awards

Student Deadline: Friday, June 7th

ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Foundation, Inc. is a unique, nonprofit, national volunteer organization of women dedicated to providing scholarships to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete their degrees in science, medicine and engineering, thereby contributing to the worldwide advancement of science and technology. ARCS Foundation Scholar Awards are intended to recognize and reward our most academically superior doctoral students exhibiting outstanding promise as scientists, researchers and leaders. More info: <https://grad.uci.edu/fellowships/arcs-scholar-awards-i/>

Award Amount

Each Scholar will receive an award in the amount of \$5,000 per year for two years; the second year is contingent upon continued satisfactory academic progress. Thus, selection during 2024-25 is expected to result in an aggregate two-year award of \$10,000. ARCS funding is in addition to existing support and may not be used as a substitute for other university support.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must have the following minimum criteria:

- Must have achieved a graduate level UC GPA of 3.5 or better through winter quarter.
- Must have completed at least two years of graduate study at UCI and have at least two years remaining before degree completion.
- Must be making satisfactory progress toward their degree goal.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must have identified their individual area of research interest and be willing to prepare a poster board of their research for display at the ARCS Scholar Awards dinner to be held in March 2025.
- Must have exhibited excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities during their academic program.
- Must have advanced to candidacy at the time of application
- Must participate in a personal virtual interview, tentatively scheduled the week of June 17.

Stipulations

- It is expected that the students will be able and willing to speak articulately about their career goals and research during an ARCS Foundation meeting.

- Acceptance of an ARCS Foundation Scholar Award may affect a student's need-based financial support package. In such cases, students are advised to consult with UCI's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

How to Apply

Students cannot apply directly. They must be nominated by their program and by the School of Engineering. **Submit your application materials to [your program coordinators](#) by Friday, June 7th.**

Application Materials

All nomination packages should include the following:

- A completed [UCI ARCS Foundation Scholar Award Nomination Form](#)
- A completed [ARCS Student Biographical Profile](#) with a 100-word student biography
- A current curriculum vitae
- A statement by the student of no more than 2-3 pages in length describing their research project (in terms that are accessible to a general audience), progress to date, and plan for completion.
- A confidential evaluation of the student by their faculty advisor. The letter should be submitted from the faculty to the program; multiple letters are acceptable.
- A letter from your [Program's Graduate Advisor](#).

Contact

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