**The University of Iowa College of Nursing**

**Young Scientist Program: Creason Funds**

The Creason Funds are intended to cultivate interest in nursing science among high achieving undergraduate nursing students and to encourage future enrollment in a nursing PhD program. Students who receive these funds will be individually mentored by College of Nursing faculty to develop an independent research-based project over the course of two semesters. Preference is given to individuals who have been involved in the Young Scientist Program as Undergraduate Research Scholars but is not required.

The Creason Funds provides two semesters of financial support to develop the student’s project, plus financial support to attend and/or present this research at an academic conference. The Creason Funds will provide two semesters of financial support (approximately $1,300 per semester, taxes deducted before payment) and one-on-one mentorship from CON faculty.

**Eligibility:**

1. Students should be at least a semester two (junior) BSN or currently enrolled MSN-EIP student. Applicants who are earlier in the program are invited to apply, but preference will be given for semester two BSN and MS-EIP students.
2. In good standing as a student enrolled in classes at the College of Nursing.
3. Must be able to complete an I-9 Verification with original/certified/unexpired acceptable documents to receive the Creason Funds.

**Project Requirements**:

* MUST be an independent research project, as directed by faculty mentor.
* Demonstrate productivity semester 1 for semester 2 funds to be released.

**To apply, please attach the following:**

1. Goal Statement
2. Project Summary
3. Faculty Endorsement
4. Printout of grades from MyUI

**Send or bring your application and attachments to:**

Catherine Cherwin, PhD, RN

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[catherine-cherwin@uiowa.edu](mailto:catherine-cherwin@uiowa.edu)

**Application Deadlines:**

Applications due: Sept 26

Recipients notified: October 3

Funds released: as early as Oct 31, after I-9 verification is completed

**Applicant Information:**

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| Name |  |
| Local Address |  |
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| Local Phone |  |
| E-mail Address |  |
| Anticipated Graduation Date |  |
| Hometown Newspaper |  |

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**Goal Statement**

Format: max 2 pages, double spaced, 1-inch margins, Arial 12-point font

Please describe: your interests and professional goals as they relate to nursing and nursing research

and how this project will support your goal of applying to a PhD program in the future

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**Project Summary**

*Please use this form to describe the independent project you will be doing with your mentor including the time period of the project.*

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| Title of your project: |  | | |
| Start Date: |  | End Date, if known: |  |
| Description: Provide a summary of the background, purpose, research question, methods, impact of the proposed work, and your role in this project. Work with your mentor to develop the scope of the project.  (word limit: 350) | | | |
| **Required sections**  Background (why is this research important to nursing science. State the purpose of the study and why it is important to nursing science, practice and/or patient care.):  Methods (how will you answer the research question. Describe the study design, sample, instruments used, and data collection procedures):  Research Question(s)/Results (what question(s) are you trying to answer. Discuss what the results of this work will tell you about the research question you are trying to answer):  Impact of Proposed Work (how does this build on previous research. Explain the meaning of what the findings of this research will mean for science of nursing.):  Your Role in this Project (describe your role in developing this research project): | | | |

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**Faculty Endorsement**

*I agree to mentor this student in the Young Scientist Program and understand that this agreement includes providing an update each semester on all students I mentor in this program.*

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| Student Name: |  |
| Faculty Mentor Name: |  |
| Faculty Mentor Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Creason Due Dates and Deadlines**:

* Applications due: Sept 26
* Recipients notified: October 3
* I-9 paperwork due: October 17
* Semester 1 payment: anticipated, October 31
* Semester 1 progression check-in meetings with YSP director: Weeks of Nov 10 & Nov 17
* Summary of semester 1 work and plan for semester 2 work: Dec 9
* Semester 2 payment: TBD
* Semester 2 check-in meetings with YSP director: Week of March 2 & March 9
* MNRS conference: March 30-April 2, 2026 (YSP students are encouraged to attend MNRS)
* Summary of semester 2 work: May 15