



Phi Upsilon Omicron® Educational Foundation

The Bates-Stoklosa Family Legacy Fund- TRAILBLAZER Research Grant (Honoring the Founders & Principles of Family and Consumer Sciences)

Call for Student Research Proposal

Inaugural TRAILBLAZER research grant will be awarded in 2025 in honor of Dorcas Bates Reilly-Home Economist in Business, Creator of the Green Bean Casserole. (*Reference The Secret History of Home Economics by Danielle Dreilinger, pg 187*).

Trailblazing research in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences and related areas including but not limited to culinary arts; hospitality and tourism; education and training; food science, nutrition and dietetics; health management and wellness; housing and interior design; human/child development and family relations; personal and family finance; textiles, fashion, apparel, and retailing/merchandising.

(Trailblazing research represents projects that are unique, innovative, and forward-thinking. Not replicating prior research. For the 2025-2027 grant period, preference will be given to research areas representing culinary arts, food science, nutrition, and dietetics. in honor of Dorcas Bates Reilly and the 70th anniversary of the Green Bean Casserole.)

Research 2025-2027, \$1,200 (Initial disbursement of \$800; Balance to be disbursed upon completion, no later than December 2027)

Award winners will be invited to present their research proposal during the Phi Upsilon Omicron National Biennial Conclave held every 2 years and provide a final copy of the research paper abstract to be included in *The Candle*, the Journal of Phi Upsilon Omicron. A report shall be submitted to a publisher(s) in order to place the information from the project in the public domain.

Any project approved for funding shall be appropriately identified by using the prescribed format: *“Supported in whole or in part by the Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation’s Bates-Stoklosa Family Legacy Fund- TRAILBLAZER Research Grant.”*

Application due date for the proposal is November 1, 2025:

Research conducted over 2-year period

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 is conducted

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 is conducted

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 invited 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.

Proposal Specifications

Proposals submitted should describe the research to be conducted through seminar classes, independent study classes, or research for honors, a thesis, or dissertation.

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 Phi U 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

Proposal Expectations

Must not identify the author or the Phi U Chapter to which the researcher is a member; put title of paper at top of first page.

- Research must show relevance to Family and Consumer Sciences and related areas
- Must demonstrate unique, innovative, and forward-thinking concepts. Not replicating prior research.
- Proposals should not exceed 5 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 indentation.
- Final research proposal must be submitted via email to national@phiu.org using the subject line: Phi U Educational Foundation Trailblazer Research Submission. The final document 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.

Proposal Format

Include an Abstract limited to 100 words.

- Keywords: List up to 3 keywords which best relate to the research project.
- Logical organization with headings used as needed
- Suggested Sections to use: (1) Introduction (explain how project relates to trailblazing research); (2) Conceptual Framework/Theoretical Framework; (3) Purpose and Research Questions or Objectives; (4) Methods;
- Budget – provide explanation of anticipated expenditures
- Timeline – project must completed within two years of grant funding
- Mechanics and documentation: free of errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation; appropriately documents sources
- Follows directions for submission

Criteria used for selecting the research award winner

A committee appointed by the Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation Board of Directors will blind review all submissions.