Dear New England ACSM Member:

The New England Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine is proud to announce that applications for the **2020 Undergraduate Research Experience Grants** are now being accepted. **Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2020**. This scholarship is designed to highlight professional and academic excellence in undergraduate students attending non-R1 institutions in the New England states that have a strong emphasis on teaching but do not have the resources to support research endeavors. The scholarship can be used to help fund either research or expenses associated with presenting the research at the NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting. Please encourage students at your college/university to apply for this scholarship.

The criteria for this scholarship are outlined in the attached document. Scholarship winners will receive an award of $500 in June 2020 and be recognized at the NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting in October 2020.

Please note that the NEACSM Cover Form (attached) must accompany all applications and be received at the NEACSM Office by March 15,2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please note that this includes the faculty letter of support. Applications may also be obtained at www.neacsm.org.

Sincerely,

Nicole Mendola, MS, ACSM-C-EP, ACSM-GEI, RCEP

Robert Gregory, Ph.D.

**NEACSM Undergraduate Research Experience Grants ($500.00)**

**Applicant Eligibility Criteria:**

This grant requires the applicant to:

* be a current NEACSM member;
* be enrolled in an accredited college/university within the New England states that is not categorized as an R1 research institution\*;
* major in the areas of clinical or basic exercise science or sports medicine; and
* demonstrate academic excellence with a minimum GPA of 3.3 (on a 4.0 GPA scale) in all undergraduate coursework.

**Deadline for application: March 15, 2020**

Questions should be directed to:

Nicole Mendola

nmendola@norwalk.edu

**Additional information and/or application materials can be obtained from:**

 NEACSM Office

P.O. Box 4474

Wallingford, CT 06492

Telephone: (203) 265-5776

E-mail: [neacsm1@gmail.com](https://exchange.uml.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=s-fSy9rQqUO1shqmzQEkDbhTF1Lf4dAIemX_rvgppomCwcruzxDpbG_fE1u9n8Pt3z7Vnbt0il4.&URL=mailto%3aneacsm1%40gmail.com)

**Submission (All materials must be submitted by March 15, 2020):**

Electronic submission of application is preferred and should be e-mailed to **NEACSM1@gmail.com**

If submitting by postal service, all application materials must be postmarked by March 15, 2020 and sent to:

NEACSM Office

P.O. Box 4474

Wallingford, CT 06492

**Announcement of the Awards:**

Undergraduate Research Grant Experience award winners will receive their grant award in June 2020 and be recognized at the NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting in October 2020.

\*For a list of eligible institutions, please visit the Scholarship and Awards page of the NEACSM website ([www.neacsm.org](http://www.neacsm.org))

**ACSM New England Regional Chapter**

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE GRANT**

**NEACSM Undergraduate Research Experience Grants to support students at under-represented institutions with research in the exercise and sport sciences.**

The intent of these awards is to encourage research on the undergraduate level for students at institutions that have a strong emphasis on teaching but do not have the resources to support research endeavors. The emphasis of these awards is to encourage and promote the research experience itself, with less focus on the scope of the project. Students eligible to receive these grants must be currently enrolled at non-R1 institutions\* within the New England states. The call for proposals will be made once annually and applications will be accepted for consideration by the NEACSM Scholarship and Awards Committee. Up to three grants will be awarded ($500 each). Recipients of the awards are **REQUIRED** to present their work in the Free Communications session at the NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting.

 \* The Center for Measuring University Performance (<https://mup.asu.edu>/) produces an annual ranking of research universities (institutions with at least $20 million in federal research expenditures) measured across nine factors.

All proposals must include the following and be received in full by March 15, 2020 for full consideration:

1. Cover letter (one page) to include:
	1. Project title and student’s name and contact information: mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address.
	2. Faculty Research Advisor information: mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address.
	3. Narrative statement of how this project will benefit the student in terms of learning about the process of research and exercise science.
2. Research Plan: up to six pages (tables/figures may be included) to include:
	1. Specific Aims and Research Hypotheses (not to exceed ½ page)
	2. Background (literature review) and Significance (not to exceed two pages)
	3. Study Design (not to exceed ½ page)
	4. Study Site and Participants (one paragraph)
	5. Protocol (Study Measures, Instruments, Data Collection and Analysis, Timetable; not to exceed two pages)
	6. References (not included in six-page limit)
3. Budget (one page) to include:
	1. Equipment/supplies
	2. NEACSM conference attendance (registration fee, travel, lodging)
	3. Other miscellaneous funds used to support the research project.
4. Letter of Support from supervising Research Advisor. Note: Since the intent of this grant is to promote **independent** undergraduate student research, this letter must address the level of assistance that will be provided to the student in designing, conducting, and completing the research experience.
5. Signed Statement:

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to accept full responsibility for the scientific conduct of the project, to comply with all University or College terms and conditions, including approval by the *Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB*) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC) to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state mandates. In addition, I agree to present the results of my project at the fall NEACSM conference when my project is completed. I agree to acknowledge the “NEACSM Undergraduate Research Experience Grant” in any publication or presentation that results from this award.

Principal Investigator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applications should be sent via mail to: NEACSM Office, P.O. Box 4474, Wallingford, CT 06492 ATTN: Dino Costanzo

Or via e-mail to: NEACSM1@gmail.com. Complete applications must be received no later than March 15, 2020.

#### NEACSM COVER SHEET

**FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD APPLICATIONS**

This form is to accompany all applications for NEACSM scholarships and awards.

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| Applicant’s Name: |  |
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| Is the Applicant a member of NEACSM? | □ | Yes | □ | No |
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| Is the Applicant a member of ACSM? | □ | Yes | □ | No |
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| College/University: |  |
| Academic Year: |  | GPA: |  |
| Area of Study: |  | Advisor: |  |
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| List the NEACSM meetings attended in the previous three years. Presentations should be listed on submitted Curriculum Vitae. |
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| List the National ACSM meetings attended in the previous three years.Presentations should be listed on submitted Curriculum Vitae. |
|  | Year: |  | Location of Meeting: |  |
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| Has the applicant authored or co-authored a peer-reviewed manuscript? |
|  | □ | No | □ | Yes – list on submitted Curriculum Vitae |
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