



College of Natural and Health Sciences

Phelps Family NHS Student Research CAP Award

The Phelps Family NHS Student Research Contribute, Achieve, Pay-It-Forward (CAP) Awards are competitive \$6,000 scholarships intended to enhance the academic experience and success of undergraduate students in the College of Natural and Health Sciences at UNC through engagement in a research project that is guided by faculty. The CAP Awards are intended to recognize exemplary undergraduate student research by those students who promote CAP values and behaviors. CAP values and behaviors include: **C**ontributing to one's community; **A**chieving one's goals through perseverance and overcoming obstacles; and **P**aying-it-forward by impacting the lives of others in meaningful and positive ways through small and large, random and planned acts of kindness, caring and giving back.

Students can receive a CAP Award to recognize outstanding research completed within the last academic year in any College of NHS discipline. Students who will complete their research project prior to the end of the spring 2025 semester are eligible to apply.

Applications are accepted one time per year and are due **March 24, 2025 by 5:00 PM.**

Eligibility to Apply

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student or a senior undergraduate student in the final semester in the College of Natural and Health Sciences;
- Must have completed an application and research project, submitted by an individual or a research team, approved under guidelines set by the Dean of the College; and
- Must submit, to the College's CAP Student Research Awards Selection Committee, a written summary, in the format prescribed, that describes the research and the results according to the established criteria.

Award Recipient Requirements:

You are required to present your work at the NHS Undergraduate Research Ceremony on April 10, 2025.

- A call to submit proposals for the NHS Undergraduate Research Ceremony will be announced during the spring semester.

Review Process:

The review process can take up to 4 weeks.

Applications are screened for completeness.

The NHS Awards Committee, a committee of NHS faculty and staff, will review your application, examining your essay for evidence of the nature, extent, and quality of your research activities, the role you play in this research and your CAP values and behaviors. All reviewers understand the research enterprise well and will provide numerical scores and comments based on a rubric that encompasses the criteria specified below.

All applicants receive notification on whether their proposal was funded or not funded.

