



## **Randi J. Hagerman Summer Scholar Research Awards** Funded by the National Fragile X Foundation

### **2026 — Request for Applications**

The Randi J. Hagerman (RJH) Summer Scholar Research Awards will fund one or more summer students' research at \$5,000 each. The student's work can focus on Fragile X syndrome (FXS), the Fragile X premutation, Fragile X-associated tremor/ataxia syndrome (FXTAS), or Fragile X-associated primary ovarian insufficiency (FXPOI).

**The RJH Summer Scholar Research Award is meant to introduce undergraduate students or students in professional training programs to research in the Fragile X field by providing funding for a summer project.** Projects can be new or existing. If the student will be supporting an existing project, please explain the specific use of the \$5,000. The intention of the RJH Summer Scholars Research Awards is to add to the body of knowledge around Fragile X in a meaningful way while providing a distinct training experience for future clinicians and scientists.

**Applications should be submitted via [this form](#) by April 26, 2026. Applicants will be notified of award status the week of May 25, 2026.**

Email Anna De Sonia at [anna@fragilex.org](mailto:anna@fragilex.org) with questions.

*Note: It is the policy of the National Fragile X Foundation that, due to the nature of this award and the limited amount of funding, no Indirect Costs to the institution are allowed.*

#### **Summer Scholar Program Details:**

- The applicant can be either an undergraduate or graduate student, and the supervisor should be experienced in research specific to Fragile X.
- The application should include a detailed project proposal.
- All awardees will be required to:
  - o Sign an award letter noting acceptance of award
  - o Record a 15-minute presentation with PowerPoint slides by September 1. The NFXF will help with this recording, and it may be publicly available on the NFXF website and/or its social media/video channels
  - o Write a brief, family-friendly description of their experience for possible publication by the NFXF
- All awardees will meet the NFXF team and the other awardees in an introductory Zoom call.
- All awardees will have the opportunity to virtually meet Dr. Randi Hagerman for a Q&A session, along with a Fragile X networking experience provided by the NFXF.

Please answer the questions below about your proposed project to complete your application. You will upload your completed Project Proposal within the application form, found on the website.

***Your Project Proposal should be no more than two pages.***

Project Proposal:

1. Short title of proposed project
2. Introduction to project proposal
  - a. Explain the background of the project
3. Project summary (choose one: new or existing)
  - a. New project:
    - Aims and hypotheses
    - Methods (participants, procedure, materials)
  - b. Existing project:
    - Aims, hypothesis, and project progress to date
    - Summary of how the Summer Scholars project fits within the existing project
4. Timeframe, including start and end date of student's role in project
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5. Expected outcomes and relevance to Fragile X
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6. Family-friendly project summary
  - a. Describe your project, methods, and why it matters to Fragile X in a family-friendly paragraph.