

Academic Works

1. Go to the OSEEL homepage (<http://www.niu.edu/engagedlearning/>)
2. Under the *Undergraduate Research* tab click on “Research Rookies”
3. Click on “How to Apply” on the left-hand side
4. Click “Apply” in the sentence “Apply to be a part of the 2019-20 cohort!”

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How to Apply

[Apply to be a part of the 2019-20 cohort!](#)

5. Sign in with your Z-ID and password

- After signing in, you will be redirected to the Academic Works page, where you will fill out the general application and have the opportunity to apply for the Research Rookies program.

Welcome!

If you are an Applicant or Scholarship Administrator, please sign in using your login and password. If you need help with your login or password, please contact the NIU Service Desk at ServiceDesk@niu.edu or 815-753-8100 (24/7/365).

[Click Here to Sign In With Your NIU ID and Password](#)

6. Fill out the General Application

- Personal statement (500 words max), financial need description, list of activities, community service, volunteering, work experience, and awards (up to 10)
- Note: You can begin an application and chose to come back and edit later.
- Note: Certain majors (such as Business) fill out a conditional application for further scholarships, so this may or may not be an extra step you must do.

7. You will be instantly matched with all scholarships or programs that you qualify for.

- You can also search for an option that does not appear as one of your choices in the search bar.

8. If Research Rookies is recommended, click “Apply” next to it.

9. Complete the Research Rookies Supplemental Questions

Supplemental Questions

1. Briefly describe your research interests. Provide background on the topic you would like to explore for your research project, including any NIU Faculty you are interested in working alongside.
2. How will participation in undergraduate research help you to achieve your academic and career goals at NIU?
3. Discuss the skills that you have that will be useful in your research (i.e. computer competency, qualitative/quantitative research skills, knowledge about statistical programs, etc.).

4. What is your alternative email address and personal phone number? (Please note that this email address will be the primary form of communication).
5. Will you be a first-semester freshman, first-year transfer, or sophomore in the fall semester?
6. I understand that the Research Rookies program is a year-long commitment and that I will receive a \$500 scholarship upon completion of all program requirements (visit go.niu.edu/ResearchRookies to view requirements) in May if accepted into the program.

10. Click “*FINISH and SUBMIT*”