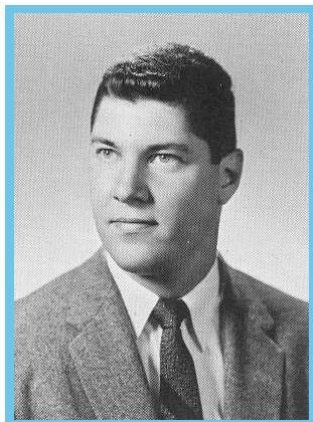


***Sorrell Chesin '58
Research Award***

GENESEO



"I wasn't sure I made the right decision to transfer to Geneseo. From the Bronx to a small town would be a major adjustment. More people lived on my street than lived in the town. Talk about an adjustment! At least there was a movie theater, open on weekends and a bowling alley in town. How's that for entertainment?"



As I walked on the street, people wished me "good morning." Faculty focused on the students as they lectured. The campus environment was engaging and welcoming. I joined clubs, met students from different places, looked forward to each day and sought to do my best. I thought about Psychology Professor Richard Bloomer, who allowed me to participate on a research project he was undertaking. It was an extraordinary experience for me. I was thinking about all this when my name was called and, dressed in an academic robe, I walked across the stage and received my degree. Where did the time go? In retrospect, those college years were a transformative experience and set the foundation for my professional career in higher education. I owed something!

The reason I established this fund was based on that experience. To my surprise, the research article was published in The Journal of Educational Research in 1960 and he included my name as his co-author."

Sorrell Chesin began his undergraduate education at NYU but completed it with a B.S. from the SUNY College at Geneseo. His M.A. is from Syracuse University and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University, where he served as a Head Resident Advisor.

He dedicated his career to the advancement of higher education. He held an administrative and part-time faculty position at the University of Bridgeport (CT) prior to being appointed Associate Dean of Students at SUNY Albany in 1965. He held several senior administrative positions over the course of his tenure, including service as Executive Director of the University at Albany Foundation, and retired in 2013 as Associate Vice President for University Development. Upon retirement, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the UAlbany Emeritus Center, an association of retired faculty, administrators and professional personnel and served as its Vice President and then President.

Sorrell Chesin '58 Research Award

The purpose of the endowed fund is to provide financial support to establish undergraduate student research awards designed to recognize those students who have successfully undertaken a research experience in the natural sciences and related disciplines under the direction or mentorship of a faculty member in the field of study and to promote this research experience.

Guidelines

- Student nominees must be full-time juniors or seniors.
- Students must have conducted research with a faculty member for the fall semester of the current year and must plan to continue the research into the spring semester.
- Funds must be utilized for a research project overseen by a faculty mentor or may be used to augment an Undergraduate Travel Grant for a conference presentation.
- These funds may be in addition to other grants, fellowships and assistantships students have receive for their projects.
- Awards will range from \$250 to \$500, and its equivalent amount in the future.

Process

- Department(s) reflective of the donor's designation will be determined each fall by the Office of Sponsored Research.
- A nomination form will be made available to faculty in selected department(s) by October 1.
- Each department chair or program director asked to issue a call for nominations to their faculty members.
- Nominations will be due by on the first Monday of December each year.
- Recipients will be selected by the beginning of the spring semester by the Office of Sponsored Research staff, in conjunction with appropriate department chairs/program directors.
- The Office of Sponsored Research will generate award letters and will provide students with instructions on how to access their award.

2026 Award Recipients

up to \$1,000 awards

Jennifer Aguilera-Fonseca

Feeding Morphology of Deep-sea Fishes

Faculty Sponsor: Mackenzie Gerringer, Biology

Sophia Bahm

Construction and Characterization of Transcription Factor FSD-1 Mutants in the Model Fungus Neurospora crassa

Faculty Sponsor: Betsy Hutchison, Biology

Alexa Colón

The Novel DNA Methyltransferase Inhibitor CM-272 Inhibits Bacterial Growth via a DNA Methylation-Independent Mechanism

Faculty Sponsor: Kevin Militello, Biology

Louis D'Ambro

Diet of Invasive Rudd in Conesus Lake, New York from Stomach Contents Analysis

Faculty Sponsor: Mackenzie Gerringer, Biology

Bryan Dileo

Use of 3rd Generation Sequencing for the investigation of Climate Stress-Induced Epigenetic Changes in Marine Fish

Faculty Sponsor: Salvador Tarun, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Meghan Geraghty

Comparative Enzymology and Functional Characterization of Trypanosoma cruzi Malate Dehydrogenase

Faculty Sponsor: Varuni Jamburuthugoda, Biology

Theodore Hovling

Toward a Nanosize-Dependent Characterization of Alzheimer's Disease Rat Brain Using Gold Nanoparticles

Faculty Sponsor: Kazushige Yokoyama, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Chloe Kirgan

Feeding Morphology of Deep-sea Fishes

Faculty Sponsor: Mackenzie Gerringer, Biology

Annabelle Laibe

The Role of Estrogen in Alzheimer's Disease

Faculty Sponsor: Allison Bechard, Psychology and Neuroscience

Andrew McFadden

Investigating the Role of Flexible Loop Mutations in Malate Dehydrogenase: Structural and Kinetic Impacts on Enzyme Catalysis

Faculty Sponsor: Varuni Jamburuthugoda, Biology

Mark Moroz

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Harshdeep Singh

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Grace Sutherland

Structural Dynamics and Catalytic Regulation of Trypanosoma brucei Malate Dehydrogenase

Faculty Sponsor: Varuni Jamburuthugoda, Biology

Emily Szczublewski

Ostracode Biodiversity and Biostratigraphy of Conesus Lake

Faculty Sponsor: Jacalyn Wittmer Malinowski, Geological, Environmental and Planetary Sciences

Mitsuki Tabei

Effects of Magnetic Fields on Amyloid Beta Peptide Bound to Magnetic Nanoparticle

Faculty Sponsor: Kazushige Yokoyama, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Hiromi Takeda

The Role of Inflammation in Memory of APOE4 Mice

Faculty Sponsor: Allison Bechard, Psychology and Neuroscience