

# THE ENGAGED SCHOLAR INSIDER

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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APRIL 16-17

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Undergraduate Research • Creative Works • Community Engagement • Sustainability

DEADLINE

February 21, 2024

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UTRGV Engaged Scholarship & Learning

## Call for Submissions

The UTRGV Office of Engaged Scholarship and Learning invites current and future arts educators and performers to attend the 2nd Annual ArtsEd Conference, hosted on April 16, 2024 at the Edinburg Campus. The call for submissions is now open for those interested in sharing their work at the ArtsEd Conference.

Submit by March 1, 2024

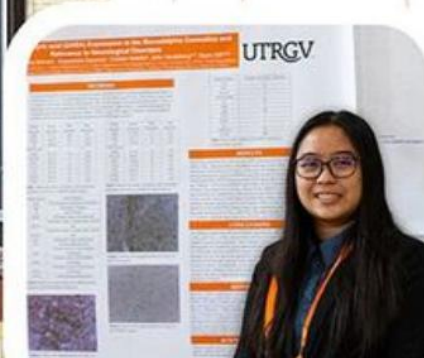


## ESAA Application Summer 2024

Undergraduates seeking funding for Summer 2024 can apply for the Engaged Scholar & Artist Awards (ESAA) funding for research, creative works, and community engagement projects. The application will open on January 24, 2024

Register at [bit.ly/ESL-Submission](https://bit.ly/ESL-Submission)

Deadline to apply • February 15



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## ESA ENGAGED SCHOLAR & ARTIST AWARDS

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## Information Session

Join our Information Session to explore the exciting opportunities in Engaged Scholar & Artist Awards. Discover how you can turn your innovative ideas into impactful projects.

Register at [bit.ly/ESAInfo24](https://bit.ly/ESAInfo24)

January 25 • 12:00pm • Zoom

## Find A Mentor Workshop

Explore how to navigate finding a research, creative works, or community engagement mentor whose scholarship aligns with your research or creative inquiry interests.

Register at [bit.ly/FindMentor24](https://bit.ly/FindMentor24)

January 31 • 12:30pm • Zoom



Dr. Sue Anne Chew  
Featured Speaker



## Prepping Proposals Workshop

Learn about what a Call for Proposals is, best practices for submitting proposals, and how to seek project funding via the Engaged Scholar and Artist Awards program.

Find out more at [bit.ly/Proposals24](https://bit.ly/Proposals24)

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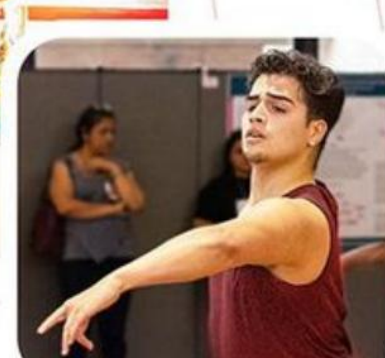
February 1 • 11:00am • Zoom

## Preparing Artist an Statement Workshop

Whether you're an emerging artist or an experienced creator, this workshop promises to demystify the art of articulating your creative vision through a compelling artist statement.

Register at [bit.ly/ArtistStatement24](https://bit.ly/ArtistStatement24)

February 2 • 11:00am • Zoom



## MEET OUR STUDENT TEAM

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## Featured Mentor Dr. Wei Lin

Department of Physics and Astronomy,  
College of Sciences

His research interests cover Pure rotational and vibration-rotation-tunneling spectra of environmentally important species, including neutral clusters, charged clusters, and radicals, microwave dielectric spectroscopy of liquids and solid, and high-level ab initio calculations.

Learn more at:  
[bit.ly/Featured-ESAA-Collabs](https://bit.ly/Featured-ESAA-Collabs)

## Featured Mentee Hunter Virkus

Chemistry (BS), College of Sciences

Hunter is investigating the quantum chemical properties of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) hydrates using computational methods. This research is to generate insight that would potentially allow new strategies and solutions that would ameliorate the predicament of PFOA groundwater contamination.



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