The Office of Undergraduate Research

Learning at the Cutting Edge of Research
OUR Programs

• Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)
• Small Research Grants
• Travel Grants
• Undergraduate Research Education Series
• Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation (URSD)
• Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)
The Office of Undergraduate Research

Why Do Undergraduate Research?

- Learn by doing!
- Students already do research
- Work closely with a faculty mentor
- Prepare for graduate programs and your career
We welcome all disciplines
You can work in a lab...
...or out in the field
Step 1: Find a faculty mentor

- Talk to other student researchers
- Talk to your professors, advisors, and department chair(s)
- Explore department websites
- Make an OUR advising appointment
  - OUR opportunities database
  - Suggestions for emails to faculty
  - Work with you to find research interests and potential mentors
Step 2: Learn the research

• Get to know your faculty mentor and learn about their research

• Develop a project with your mentor
  – Part of your mentor’s ongoing research
  OR
  – An idea of your own
Step 3: Apply to UROP

- Prepare a research proposal (4-6 pages)
- Fill out online application form
- Get a reference from your faculty mentor
- SEE FULL DIRECTIONS ON OUR WEB PAGE: our.utah.edu

next deadline
November 2
Spring 2019 Semester
UROP

• Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

• Earn hourly pay while working collaboratively with a faculty mentor on research projects or creative works
Who is eligible for UROP?

Matriculated U of U undergraduate students who are:

- Already engaged in research with a faculty mentor
- Enrolled full-time
- Eligible for U of U employment
Step 4: Do your research!

Work collaboratively with your faculty mentor to conduct your research

Through UROP earn $12/hr. for up to 120 hours of work the first semester; second semester renewal possible
We also offer research grants

• Available to all undergraduate students
• Small Research Grant (up to $200) and Travel grant (up to $500)
  – Must be working with a faculty mentor
• No deadline for grant applications
  – Applications considered monthly
Undergraduate Research Education Series
Fall 2018

Doing Library Research: Strategies and Tools
Intro to the Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Data Management
Imposter Syndrome
Research Reproducibility
Asking for Letters of Recommendation
Personal Statements

Writing an Abstract
Contextualizing Your Research
Literature Reviews
How to Read a Research Article
Public Speaking
Queering Research Panel
Creating Effective Research Posters

Check on the Calendar on our.utah.edu for dates and times
Step 5: Disseminate your research

Publish your work:

• OUR online *Undergraduate Research Journal*

• Other undergraduate or professional research journals
Present your work:

• Undergraduate Research Symposium
• Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (UCUR)
• National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)
• Research on Capitol Hill
• Other professional conferences
Undergraduate Research Symposium

- Present your work to the University of Utah campus community
- Posters, talks, performances, and art installations
- Next symposium: April 9, 2019
Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation (URSD)

• Requirements:
  – Two semesters of research with a faculty mentor
  – Present at URS
  – Publish in URJ

• Apply the semester you graduate
Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)

- May 22-August 1, 2019
- 35-40 hours/week
- $4,000 stipend
- Apply to a specific project

Application deadline
11:59 PM January 27
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