

# Office of Undergraduate Research

Rochester's status as a serious research university is one of the things that attracts many of our undergraduates to become Yellowjackets. A large fraction of our students seek undergraduate research experiences to grow as critical thinkers and pursue interests to a new level. They understand these experiences are valuable preparation for future careers and positions in graduate or professional schools. The foundation of undergraduate research at Rochester is the willingness of faculty and staff to support students in their efforts to "dig deep" into problems and ideas outside of classroom walls.

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) works to increase the number of undergraduate research experiences available to our students and lower the barriers facing students and mentors as they set out to pursue this research. Please visit the [OUR website](#) where there is information about general policies and procedures, funding, student support services, and events.

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## Fast facts

- In **ALL** schools and departments (including URM, Mt. Hope Family Center, and other UR-affiliated sites), students can work as **unpaid interns**, for **course credit**, or **for pay** while doing undergraduate research. [See this site](#) for additional information on compliance and laws surrounding undergraduate participation in research.
- **College-sponsored funding** for undergraduate research is limited and is aimed primarily to help students with living expenses during the summer months. Students can explore other funded [summer programs](#)—locally, nationally, and internationally—and [research-based fellowships and awards](#) on our website.
- Students use faculty websites as their primary resource for learning about faculty research interests. **Keeping your website updated annually** can make a big difference for attracting the attention of undergraduates "right" for your research team!
- [Access to Undergraduate Research Activities \(AURA\)](#) is a resource designed to assist faculty with student recruitment. Faculty may post a specific project or create a research group, allowing students to apply directly to the project/group.
- Our office maintains an [online mentor FAQ](#) that answers and provides resources for common faculty questions.

# Annual events

## **October** | Investigate Research Month | Undergraduate Research Fair

The Office of Undergraduate Research hosts a variety of information sessions and workshops centered on student research. UG Research Fair: departments and programs send student and faculty representatives to this annual event to chat with undergraduates interested in learning more about research in particular departments and disciplinary areas.

## **November & April** | [Journal of Undergraduate Research \(JUR\)](#) call for student submissions

The University's student-run journal accepts student submissions from all disciplines—with mentor/supervisor permission—each semester.

## **December 1** | [Barth-Crapsey award](#) applications due

Applications are accepted twice a year for this award that supports high quality independent research by Rochester undergraduates in the humanities and social sciences.

## **March 15** | [Undergraduate Research Exposition](#) student application deadline

Students can apply to present their research and potentially win awards in this annual display and celebration of Rochester student research.

## **Late March** | [Discover Grant for Undergraduate Summer Research Funding](#) student application deadline

This limited grant can help fund living expenses for unpaid summer research experiences for students. Small grants may be available for faculty developing new quality learning experiences for one or more students. **Applications open March 1.**

## **Early April** | [National Conference on Undergraduate Research](#) (NCUR)

Together with academic departments, our office has supported student attendance at this large annual conference for research from all disciplines. Student applications for funding support are **due mid-December**.

## **Late April** | Celebrate Research Month | [Undergraduate Research Exposition](#)

Join us for this annual celebration of undergraduate research by U of R students! UG Research Expo: faculty, staff, students, and visitors are welcome to student presentations and the poster fair.

# College funding for undergraduate research

[Schwartz Discover Grant for Undergraduate Summer Research Funding](#): This \$5000 grant can help fund living expenses for unpaid summer research experiences for students. The application cycle opens annually each Spring.

[Research Presentation Award](#): Small awards used to fund student conference registration, travel, lodging, and food expenses.

[Research and Innovation Grant \(RIG\)](#): The RIG is a \$3,500 grant offered to approximately 100-150 students per year *upon admission to the University of Rochester* that can be used for experiential education opportunities during the academic year and/or over the summer after the student's first semester at Rochester.

[Barth-Crapsey Award](#): Barth-Crapsey awards are small research awards given to encourage high quality independent research by University of Rochester undergraduates in the humanities and social sciences, especially in the fields of government, politics and political history, and literature, and on topics relating to the historical and cultural heritage of the Rochester/Monroe County area. Applications are due on Dec. 1 and April 30; successful applications are funded according to budget availability.