

April 2025



This month's newsletter brings events and celebrations. The Office of Undergraduate Research recognizes that research, knowledge dissemination and celebration is a vital aspect of creating a positive R1 research culture. We also recognize that many of our students are thinking about their futures.

We are so proud of our Undergraduate Research Leaders who serve as ambassadors for the Office. Ali Nopper who is our STEM specialist will join the ranks of colleague when she starts her doctoral program in chemistry at University of California-Santa Barbara. Sofia Flowers is going to make waves in healthcare as a registered nurse in the Salt Lake Valley. And Kishan Thambu will be in Germany doing research on software aimed to analyze movement of people with neurological disorders. He will be applying to medical school after his time abroad.

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## OUR Events



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## Spring Symposium

Every spring, OUR organizes the [Undergraduate Research Spring Symposium](#) premiering the best of undergraduate research at the University of Utah. This year's symposium will include 278 undergraduate researchers presenting their research in a variety of fields and disciplines including the creative and performing arts, humanities, health and medicine, STEM, and social sciences. [You can view the research presentations by clicking here.](#)

**April 2nd, 2025**

**9:00AM-2:30PM**

**Union ballroom: Open to the public**

**Registration begins at 8.**

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# Seeing Through AI

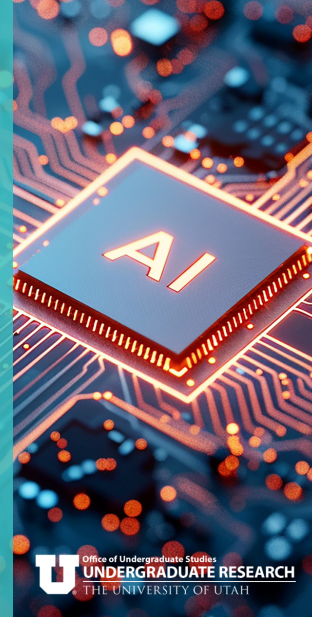
Dr. Shireen Elhabian  
Associate Professor, School of Computing

APRIL 18  
12:00–1:00 pm  
Virtual

This presentation explores how computers "see" and understand images, from early traditional techniques to cutting-edge AI methods. Dive into how AI transforms image analysis by learning patterns directly from data, replacing the manual effort of designing features. This session highlights how AI advancements shape the way researchers interact with and make sense of the visual world around us.

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## Education Series

Our last education series of the semester is titled: [Seeing Through AI](#)

Join on [zoom](#) to checkout how computers "see and understand images"

**April 18th, 2025**

**12:00-1:00PM Virtual**



## Awards Ceremony

Join the University of Utah Community at the [Annual Awards Ceremony](#) where we will celebrate competitively selected Outstanding Undergraduate Research and Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Awardees.

Scholarship and prize winners are also announced and recognized during this ceremony. This event fosters a healthy research culture as one that includes recognition.

**April 9th, 2025**

**10:30AM-12:00PM**

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## Scholars' Corner



### Poster Prizes

This semester OUR was also able to award poster prizes because of our generous symposium bronze sponsors [Maschoff Brennan](#) and [Northrup Grumman](#). [Click here to see all the poster prize winners](#). Each of the prize winners will have a red ribbon on their poster during the symposium, receive a prize check, and have their poster displayed at the OUR Awards Ceremony on April 9 and in the Marriott Library Level 1 classroom hallway, adjacent to the library café starting in May. This high-traffic location will provide our diverse campus community with the opportunity to explore the impactful work of the University of Utah's top undergraduate scholars.

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## Range Submissions

[RANGE](#) Undergraduate Research Journal is now accepting submissions from undergraduate researchers across all disciplines! Share your innovative work and gain valuable publication experience. Visit our website for submission details.

Deadline for July's publication is **June 1**.

# Program Partners

Join us for

# MATH

**MATH FOR ALL IN SALT LAKE CITY**  
**April 5th, 2025**  
**University of Utah**

A friendly and open environment to learn and discuss mathematics!  
For more info and registration scan the QR below

**PLENARY SPEAKERS**



**Priyam Patel**  
University of Utah



**Keri Ann Sather-Wagstaff**  
Framingham State University

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# Math for All Conference

The Salt Lake City Math For All Conference strengthens the Utah mathematics community by holding talks and discussions in both research and education. The conference is geared towards undergraduate and graduate students, post-docs, and faculty members from all institutions in the Salt Lake City region. The goal of Math For All in SLC is to provide a friendly, open environment to learn and discuss mathematics. This a satellite conference from Math For All in New Orleans. Register by **March 24** to attend the [Math-for-All Conference](#) on April 5.

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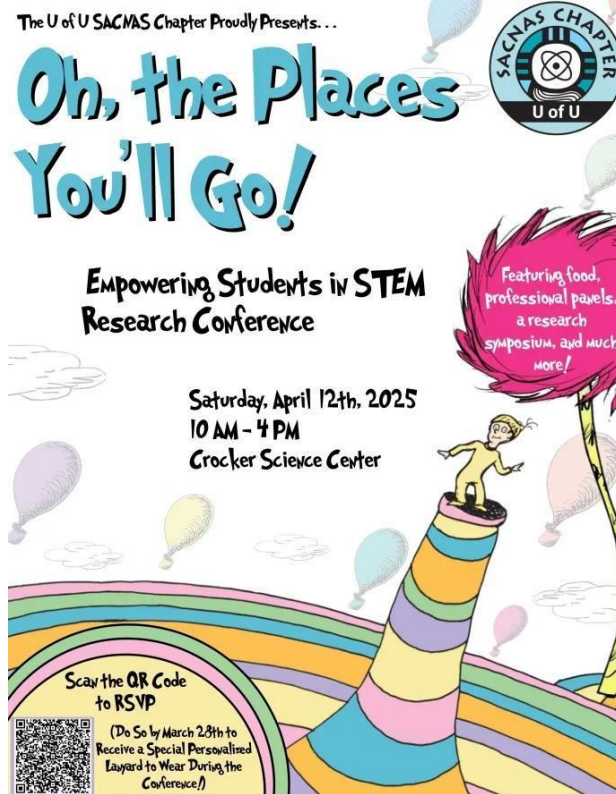


## Carnegie Community Engagement Showcase

The Carnegie Community Engagement Showcase is on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:30–6:30 PM in the College of Education. This event is one way for the University to showcase some of the most important and innovative community engagement work we've collected as part of the institution's 2025 reclassification process for the [Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement](#).

**April 9th, 2025**

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# SACNAS Conference

SACNAS is an all-inclusive community dedicated to supporting broad representation in STEM fields to match the demographics of our nation and to fostering the success of scientists from under-served and all backgrounds. Our goal is to help these members attain advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM.

Register [here](#).

April 12th, 2025

10:00AM - 4:00PM



The [WIRED Global Center](#) is now accepting applications for the 2025 Summer Undergraduate Fellowship program! All undergraduates from all majors at the University of Utah are encouraged to apply.

# Applying and Need Support?

## Funding Fridays

Get support with applications for research funding! Drop into [Funding Fridays](#) with materials, questions, or ideas.

**Every Friday during Spring semester.** 1-3pm [via Zoom](#) and in person at Sill Center 005.

## IRB Lab

**Next Date: 4/8 & 4/22 1:30-3 PM**

[The IRB LAB](#) offers peer-mentoring support on how to get started with applying for Institutional Review Board approval. Drop-in during the workshop hours to receive support on your applications.

## General Questions

If you have questions about research opportunities, funding, or any of OURs programs make a research advising appointment with the link below.

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