

May 2025



Summer means a ton of things! From travel, to rest, to breaks, to even research. Every summer the University of Utah supports undergraduate researchers who embark on a range of summer research experiences including summer program for undergraduate research, undergraduate research opportunity program and other summer funded opportunities with NSF and NIH.

The Office of Undergraduate Research congratulates our UROP scholars for the summer 2025.

**Hayden Mattingly** (Mentor: Divya Chandrasekhar)

**Noah Porter** (Mentor: Greg Bayles)

**Mads Ward** (Mentor: Keith Bartholomew)

**Dinali Assylbek** (Mentor: Armin Tajalli)

**Mary Clancy** (Mentor: Haohan Zhang)

**Rebekah Doman** (Mentor: Cindy Furse)

**Viren Ghuman** (Mentor: Robby Bowles)

**Xavier Grube** (Mentor: Ashley Spear)

**Renner Jones** (Mentor: Bruce Gale)

**Aaron Kozlowski** (Mentor: Jessica Kramer)

**Duc La** (Mentor: Daniel Brown)

**Acacia Laprade** (Mentor: Robby Bowles)

**Ben Leifer** (Mentor: Yongzhi Qu)

**Samuel Makin** (Mentor: Cindy Furse)

**Ashlyn Nguyen** (Mentor: Shireen Elhabian)

**Jeremy Reynolds** (Mentor: Tucker Hermans)

**Christian Rogers** (Mentor: Daniel Brown)

**Mira Terry** (Mentor: Ashley Spear)

**Jackson Marz** (Mentor: Robert Rankin)

**Anna Lepchenske** (Mentor: Dave Symons)  
**Mark McIntyre** (Mentor: Amit Sethi)  
**Spencer Metz** (Mentor: Amit Sethi)  
**Libby Moore** (Mentor: Anandh Babu Pon Velayutham)  
**Bailey Palmer** (Mentor: Rhonda Nelson)  
**Brianna Poulsen** (Mentor: Sihem Boudina)  
**Amishi Rohaj** (Mentor: Jesse Christensen)  
**Katherine Berensen** (Mentor: Matt Haber)  
**Peyton Cooper** (Mentor: Matt Haber)  
**Khaled Al-Dandashi** (Mentor: Daniel Leung)  
**Ethan Atzet** (Mentor: Sheri Holmen)  
**Daniel Bauer** (Mentor: Melissa Cortez)  
**Jillian Hall** (Mentor: Nikki Link)  
**Sophie Hill** (Mentor: Jay Agarwal)  
**Mack Hinckley** (Mentor: Laith Al-Rabadi)  
**Christopher Janku** (Mentor: Robert Judson-Torres)  
**Anshul Kasera** (Mentor: Ram Gouripeddi)  
**Sofia Leveratto** (Mentor: Lisa Joss-Moore)  
**Merrin Maughan** (Mentor: Fergil Mills)  
**Eric Thackeray** (Mentor: Frederic Noo)  
**Aditya Pandey** (Mentor: Brenda Bowen)  
**Ray Sanchez** (Mentor: Leif Anderson)  
**Asher Young** (Mentor: Suhas Eswarappa Prameela)  
**Laura Beckstrand (Menlove)** (Mentor: Cynthia Garbett)  
**Erin Goodwyn** (Mentor: Rebekah Perkins)  
**Phuong Anh Bui** (Mentor: Cameron Metcalf)  
**Michka Kiessel** (Mentor: Kuby Balagurunathan)  
**Kelsie Russell** (Mentor: Shawn Owen)  
**Taylor Simpson** (Mentor: Cameron Metcalf)  
**Luke Ussing** (Mentor: Kuby Balagurunathan)  
**Annabelle Bosworth** (Mentor: Luiza Aparecido)  
**Zach Coons** (Mentor: Connor Bischak)  
**Nathan Dodge** (Mentor: Eric Montoya)  
**Porter Edson** (Mentor: Qilei Zhu)  
**Kyle Elwood** (Mentor: Gary Rose)  
**Alexander Gradev** (Mentor: Andrew Roberts)  
**Matthew Guthrie** (Mentor: Austin Green)  
**Nathan Michlig** (Mentor: Heejin Yoo)  
**Maxim Rassoul-Agha** (Mentor: Michael Werner)  
**James Steele** (Mentor: Gary Rose)  
**Jessica Venegas** (Mentor: Sophie Caron)  
**Em Berkson** (Mentor: Tom Kraft)  
**Brandt Bosworth** (Mentor: Lukas Lopez)  
**Cam Buttin** (Mentor: Lee Raby)  
**Hamin Cho** (Mentor: Ha Na Yoo)  
**Thomas Cooper** (Mentor: Alberto Garcia)  
**Auriana Dunn** (Mentor: Brian Coddington)  
**Eli Huskey** (Mentor: Amy McDonnell)  
**Felix Keil** (Mentor: Tom Cova)  
**Chris Kennedy** (Mentor: Andrea Brunelle)  
**Melanie Osuna** (Mentor: Andrea Brunelle)  
**Logan Reeves** (Mentor: Akiko Kamimura)  
**Kian Robison** (Mentor: Akiko Kamimura)  
**Avery Kalaveras** (Mentor: Danielle Littman)

# OUR Events

## Education Series

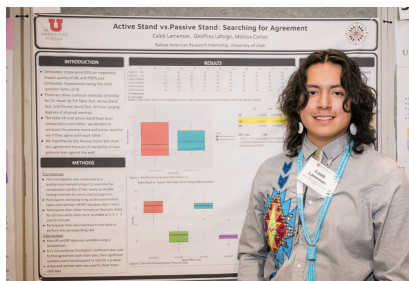


### Title IX for Students

5/29 and 6/2, 11AM-12PM on both dates, Virtual

### Foundations of Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

6/5, 11AM-12PM Virtual

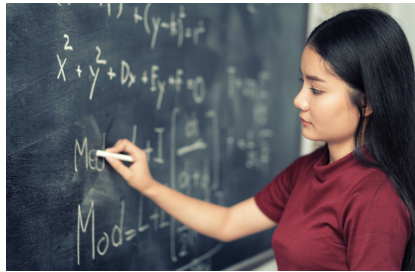


### Data Visualization and Research Posters

6/13, 11AM-12PM Virtual

### Introduction to Public Speaking

6/24, 11AM-12PM Virtual



Being Human in STEM

7/2, 12-1PM Virtual

Cite Smarter, Not Harder: Tips with AI

7/9, 11AM-12PM Virtual



NSH Graduate Research Fellowship: Preparing as an Undergrad

7/17, 12-1PM Virtual

Check out our summer virtual education series where we provide content that supports learning about research beyond the classroom. This summer’s line up covers a range of topics from mentoring, to ethics, to citational practices, and presenting research. Visit [our.utah.edu/ures](https://our.utah.edu/ures) to see the wide range of content.



# GRADUATE SCHOOL MINI EXPO



**TUESDAY**  
**June 17**  
12:15-4:30 pm  
Eccles Alumni House

For more info and  
to register for free:

**[our.utah.edu/  
mini-expo](https://our.utah.edu/mini-expo)**



Register by June 11.

Join us on **June 17** for the Grad School Mini Expo where you can learn more about grad school, the different types of grad school options, tips for applying, and what to do after grad school. Any undergraduate student interested in grad school are invited, no matter where they are in the process (from “I didn’t think grad school was for me” to “I know which programs I want to go into”). This event is free and includes pizza and snacks.

## Scholars' Corner

A collage of images related to undergraduate research. It includes a student working in a lab, a student with a drone, a student presenting at a poster, a student in a lab coat, a student in a red dress, and a student in a field. The central text reads: "UROP Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Fall 2025 Deadline to apply: June 6". The UROP logo is at the top, and the Office of Undergraduate Studies Undergraduate Research logo is at the bottom left.

**UROP**  
Undergraduate  
Research  
Opportunity  
Program  
**Fall 2025**  
Deadline to  
apply:  
**June 6**

## Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Apply by June 6th, 11:59 PM.

Get paid to do research this fall semester! [Apply to UROP now!](#)

The UROP summer deadline is earlier this year to ensure expedient hires.

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## RANGE

Deadline for July's publication is June 1.

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.

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## Dee Foundation

**Deadline: May 31, 2025.**

Students whose research contributes to the wellbeing of the residents of northern Utah encouraged to apply for the [\\$1,200 scholarship](#) made possible by the Dee Foundation.

## UASAL Scholarship

**Deadline: May 31, 2025.**

[Scholarship](#) covers fees UASAL conference registration, hotel accommodations, and a special dinner covered at the conference. In addition to the conference benefits, scholarship mentors also receive award!

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## Applying and Need Support?

## Funding Fridays

Funding Fridays every Friday this summer! Drop in with your questions about applying for funds, research opportunities, and how to get started any Friday during Summer Semester. 1-2pm [via Zoom](#)

## IRB Lab

We are on a [IRB Lab](#) break from now until August. Please send any queries to **our@utah.edu**.

## 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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