

January 2025



Dear Undergraduate Research Community,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring 2025 Semester! The spring semester is filled with a ton of research activities, educational events, and celebrations. For our students and faculty mentoring students who are in their last year, you can be recognized for doing research through a transcript designation: the [Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation](#). Students who complete 2 semesters of research (does not have to be a UROP!) are eligible for this designation and should review our website to learn more.

Also, the college deadline for nominations recognizing faculty and undergraduate students at the [Annual Undergraduate Research Awards Ceremony](#) is fast approaching. Please connect with your college contact about nominating a stellar undergraduate research or faculty mentor! Do not know who your college contact is? Connect with the Office at [our@utah.edu](mailto:our@utah.edu).

We also want to share that we are currently holding a fundraiser for our students. Every summer we bring students from across the country to do research with nationally regarded researchers. These students become ambassadors of our institution, with many of the participants Utahns. We hope that you will find it in your hearts to give to this Office to support our summer program for undergraduate research through giving to our [UStarter fundraiser](#).

Looking forward to seeing you at an OUR event this semester and hearing about your research success!

On behalf of the Office of Undergraduate Research, with gratitude to all of you.

**Annie Isabel Fukushima, Ph.D.**  
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and *Director*, Office of Undergraduate Research  
The University of Utah

## OUR Events



Interested in applying for the Summer 2025 Research programs at the U? Know an undergraduate who might be interested? [Applications are due January 26.](#)

Join the SPUR workshop **Wednesday, January 15 from 2:00-3:30 pm** via Zoom to get tips and insights on a compelling application for summer undergraduate research at the U. [Click here for more info and to register.](#)

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# EDUCATION SERIES

## SPRING 2025

### Applying for Summer Research Programs

1/15 2:-3:30pm, Virtual



### Undergraduate Researcher (Student) Panel

1/31, 12-1pm, Virtual



### Professional Communication in Research

2/6, 12-1pm, Virtual



### Navigating Inevitable Uncertainty in Research (and Life)

2/13, 11am-12pm, Virtual



### Environmental Detectives: Collecting Clues about Past Environments by Playing in the Mud

2/21, 11am-12pm, Virtual



### Giving Virtual Presentations

2/26, 12-1pm, Virtual



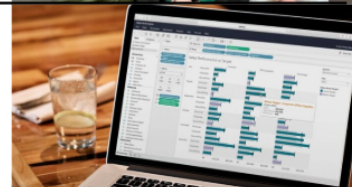
### Students Publishing in Journals

3/7 12-1, pm, Virtual



### Introduction to Tableau

3/21, 11am-12pm, Virtual



## Nationally Competitive Scholarships and Research

3/26, 11am-12pm, Virtual



## Seeing Through AI

4/18, 12-1pm, Virtual

**Register at [our.utah.edu/ures](https://our.utah.edu/ures)**



## Scholars' Corner

### Monson Essay Prize – Deadline March 1

Writing a thesis, paper, or publishable article about social change? Submit your essay to be considered for the undergraduate Monson Essay prize!

The Monson Essay Prize is awarded to an undergraduate who write an outstanding paper on a subject having to do with social change. Learn more [here](#).

### Valadi N. Venkatesan Research Award – Deadline March 1

Writing a research paper or have completed a research paper that demonstrates performance of research focused on or substantially involving real-world problems in Science, Arts & Humanities (including Economics, Business), Social Sciences, Engineering, Energy & Environment, and Medicine?

Submit your paper to the inaugural research award. Learn more [here](#).

### Reminder: Deadline for Summer Program for Undergraduate Research Coming

Student applications are open and the deadline to apply is January 26th, 2025. For more information or to submit an application visit [here](#).

## Award Nominations Deadline

The deadline for colleges to submit their faculty and student nominations for outstanding undergraduate researchers and outstanding undergraduate research mentors is February 5, 2025. Connect with your college contact to submit your recommendation in advance! This deadline may be as early as early January. Do not know who your contact is? Contact [our@utah.edu](mailto:our@utah.edu) to be connected.

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## Class Presentations

We know our faculty have jumpacked syllabi. Have a day where you would like the Office of Undergraduate Research facilitate a presentation for 20 minutes to an hour? [Click here to let us know!](#)

## Program Partners

Want to connect with OUR as a program partner? Register for our next meeting on January 14th, 11AM-12PM. Register [here](#).

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## Applying and Need Support?

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### 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.

*Please note:* **Changed time!**

### IRB LAB

**Every other Tuesday** starting 1/14 and 1/28 **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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