



Monthly updates from OUR team to yours!

**JANUARY 2022**



**UROP SPRING 2022**

The Office of Undergraduate Research congratulates the 203 undergraduate students who were awarded UROP this spring 2022. This process is competitive, where 91 faculty representing colleges across the University of Utah served as reviewers for the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program for Spring 2022. Because of OUR's partnerships across campus, over 200 undergraduate researchers representing diverse backgrounds, disciplines and commitments were awarded from Architecture and Planning, Business, Cultural & Social Transformation, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health, Humanities, Medicine, Mines & Earth Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, Science and Social & Behavioral Science. We enter into 2022 energized and inspired by the next generation of leaders and researchers.

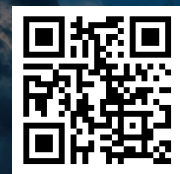
**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

**January 30 – Summer Research Opportunity**

Deadline for undergraduate researchers to join the SPUR 2022 summer cohort

**Monthly - Small & Travel Grants**

Available on a monthly-basis to all undergraduates doing research at the U



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**OUR REMINDERS**

**Request a class presentation**

Learn from a member of the OUR team about undergraduate research and OUR opportunities.

**Post a research opportunity**

We share opportunities on the website, a searchable database, and all of our social media pages.

**OUR virtual drop-in advising hours**

OUR supports all undergraduate researchers at the U! Sandra, Undergraduate Leaders and the Team are here to support!

Wednesdays 3 - 4pm and Thursdays 8-9am  
<https://utah.zoom.us/j/98174369226>  
Meeting ID: 981 7436 9226  
Passcode: research

**Undergraduate Research Education Series**

**Wednesday, January 19 @ 12:15pm on Zoom**  
Introduction to the Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**Friday, January 28 @ 2pm at Sill Center 120**  
Creating Effective Research Posters

Attending an in-person workshop this semester? Help our community stay safe and healthy by wearing a mask, getting vaccinated, and testing regularly!

[U of U COVID testing info](#) can be found here.

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### **COLLABORATING WITH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS AT THE U**

The Office of Undergraduate Research and the Office of the Vice President for Research are committed to fostering and supporting faculty success in research through collaborations with undergraduate researchers.

The Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) provides resources and support for University of Utah's researchers to foster an environment of creativity, discovery, and advanced knowledge.

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) resides in the Office of Undergraduate Studies. The mission of the University of Utah Office of Undergraduate Research is to facilitate and promote undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and creative works in all disciplines throughout the University of Utah campus. In recognition that excellence requires diversity, OUR pursues this mission through equitable programming that promotes diverse representation and social justice. OUR is well recognized for programming including Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROPE), the Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR), the Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation (URSD), Undergraduate Research Symposia (URS Spring, Summer, and Fall), the annual Undergraduate Research Journal, and the Undergraduate Research Education Series, among other exciting opportunities.

The VPR Office and OUR have a longstanding history of collaboration to fulfill the university's mission to foster student success by preparing students from diverse backgrounds for lives of impact as leaders and citizens through research.

To better serve researchers, faculty and student alike, and effectively collaborate with staff, we offer the following recommendations:

- Undergraduate researchers can be vital collaborators, contributors on a research team, and are the next generation of future researchers. We encourage researchers with grants or foundation funds budget to incorporate compensating undergraduate researchers as part of their team. Undergraduate researchers can play a significant role in assisting a research project and supporting an undergraduate researcher fosters the mentoring environment the University of Utah is committed to.

### **RESEARCH ON CAPITOL HILL**

Congratulations to the 24 undergraduates selected to present their research at this year's Research on Capitol Hill (ROCH) on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 from 9AM-1PM in the state capitol rotunda (Public event).

Aasutosh Acharya  
Alexander Brill  
Rachel Compton  
Suzi Creveling  
Shaistah Din  
Kaylon Draney  
Gauri Garg  
Lauren Gleave  
Sydney Larsen  
Brooke Larson  
Cameron Mercer  
Briggs Miller  
Melika Moeinvaziri  
Azeem Mohammed  
Emily Nevarez  
Sohyun Park  
Shaylie Platten  
Justinas Sapiegas  
Jessica Sharma  
Anish Singh  
Madeleine Sorenson  
Sabrina Su  
Heba Sultan  
Olivia Walker

### **UCUR UPDATES**

36 undergraduates are approved to present at the 2022 Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (UCUR) at Dixie State University on Friday, February 25th.

UCUR 2023 will be hosted by the University of Utah. Faculty, staff & students welcome to join the sub-committee. Let us know if you want to be on the sub-committee by emailing [our@utah.edu](mailto:our@utah.edu).

# COLLABORATING WITH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS AT THE U CONTINUED

For National Science Foundation grantees, it is encouraged the Principal Investigator(s) consider making their project a Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Site. Consult with your college Associate Dean of Research, Dean, or Office of Sponsored Projects.

- Undergraduate researchers can be onboarded in a myriad of ways, here are two options for paid undergraduate researchers:
  - Hire undergraduate researchers as part-time temporary employees through Human Resources. Students are able to then be paid through payroll where they receive direct payments via direct deposit or a check sent to their address. Additionally, if hiring a non-University of Utah researcher, this allows HR to offer a UNID to the undergraduate researcher which provides access to UTA, the library, student life center, and RedMed. Consult your college human resources analyst if you have questions, or contact Human Resources to learn more about department/college contacts.
  - Some NSF grantees are considered an NSF Research Traineeship Program. If this applies to you, then we encourage you to onboard your undergraduate researcher as a trainee. If this is the case, please consult with Financial and Business Services. If onboarding a non-University of Utah researcher, consult FBS in advance of onboarding the student to find out if your researcher will have taxes deducted or be eligible for an affiliate UNID.
- Encourage your researcher to take advantage of programming and resources with OUR. OUR offers the following:
  - Coordinates and brings together partners across campus working with undergraduate researchers through the Summer Programs Partnership.
  - Provides other financial opportunities including Travel & Small Grants of up to \$500; Undergraduate Research Opportunity Scholars Program (UROP); and we provide scholarships.
  - Student researchers may be eligible for an Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation that shows up on their transcripts and includes a cord at graduation.
  - Have your undergraduate researcher share the amazing research that also fosters professional development by presenting at the Undergraduate Research Symposium.
  - Educational programming is vital for ongoing learning for undergraduate researchers across campus, check out the OUR Undergraduate Research Education Series.
  - Information sharing is vital to research - OUR has a wide-network of social, email communities, and opportunities that we are more than happy to promote opportunities to OUR community.
  - OUR provides advising to any undergraduate researcher at the University of Utah. We see our role as supporting researchers at any stage of their research journey and are here to support faculty working with undergraduate mentees.

The OUR and VPR Office are here to support all faculty and student research collaborations at the University of Utah. We are committed to research innovation and collaboration, and invite folks to consult with our offices.

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