



Monthly updates from OUR team to yours!

APRIL 2022



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UPCOMING DEADLINES

Undergraduate Research Leader

Join the OUR team as a peer-mentor!

Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation

Deadline for spring graduates: April 26, 2022

OUR Small and Travel Grants

Available on a monthly basis to all undergraduates doing research

UGS 2950: Undergraduate Research Experience Summer 2022 course

Registration deadline: May 25, 2022

A WEEK OF CELEBRATING UNDERGRAD RESEARCH

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award Ceremony

PLEASE JOIN US VIRTUALLY

April 4, 2022

10:30 AM - 12 PM

TO VIEW, VISIT
OUR.UTAH.EDU



Join OUR for the live-stream of the **Awards Ceremony** on April 4th from 10:30AM – 12PM on [our homepage](#). Recipients of the competitive Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award will be awarded. We'll also be acknowledging recipients of the 2021 - 2022 Francis Fund Scholarship, Dee Foundation Scholarship, Parent Fund Scholarship, and the 2022 Monson Essay Prize Winner.

Additionally, join us in-person and virtually for the Undergraduate Research Symposium: April 5th. The Symposium will be at the Union Building from 9AM – 2:30PM and virtual presentations and panel presentations will be accessible all day.



Join the Office of Undergraduate Research for the

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

04-05-2022

9 AM - 2:30 PM
Union Building

Register online at
our.utah.edu/events/undergraduate-research-symposium/

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OUR IN @THEU

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Learning at the Cutting Edge of Research

DIVERSITY IN RESEARCH

OUR is committed to diversity in research and research opportunities at the U. 31% of undergraduate researchers funded by OUR are students of color, 25% are transfer students, and 51% are cisgender women. To uphold diversity in research, OUR has implemented a variety of changes since fall 2021:

- Undergraduate Research Symposium maintains virtual participation year round, increasing accessibility.
- OUR created an additional mentor question in the UROP application process: Mentors are required to describe how a mentee's research contributes to equity and diversity in research. Central to diversity in research is how mentors understand and speak to diversity. Diversity in research includes: methods, research design, participants recruited, communities impacted by research, and diverse research teams.
- Summer Program for Undergraduate Research added to the mentor orientation content on bias in selection and mitigating bias.
- To foster year round support for diverse teams, offer policy recommendations, and foster collaborations with faculty and staff research teams, OUR created the Program Partnerships.
- Undergraduate research education series is now organized in tracks that include social justice.
- In October, to ensure regular information sharing and accessibility, OUR created the OUR monthly newsletter.

MONSON PRIZE HIGHLIGHT

Congratulations to the 2022 Monson Prize winner, Kassie John, "Diné Bizaad Language Cubes: Examining the Reformation of Indigenous Language Preservation," (Mentor: Dr. Elpitha Tsoutsounakis, Multidisciplinary Design Division, College of Architecture & Planning).

The Charles H. Monson Essay Prize is a competitive opportunity that honors the legacy of Charles H. Monson Jr., who was a distinguished member of the University Philosophy Department from 1958 to 1974. Dr. Monson was a renowned teacher with a deep commitment to the understanding of social change. In his honor, an annual prize is awarded to an undergraduate who writes an outstanding abstract and paper on a subject having to do with change.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Request a class presentation

Learn about undergraduate research and OUR opportunities.

Post a research opportunity

Opportunities posted on the OUR website, a searchable database, and on social media.

OUR virtual drop-in advising hours

Wednesdays 3-4pm & Thursdays 8-9am

<https://utah.zoom.us/j/98174369226>

Meeting ID: 981 7436 9226

Passcode: research

Undergraduate Research Education Series

Fri, Apr 1 @ 11:15am-12pm

COVID-19: Researching in a Pandemic

Fri, Apr 8 @ 12:30-1:30pm

Letters of Recommendation

Wed, Apr 13 @ 11:30am-12:30pm

Internships and Research

Wed, Apr 20 @ 3-4pm

Reflection as Part of the Research Process

External Event Opportunities

Our [SQuARED Justice Conference](#) on April 16, 2022 from 1p.m. - 3p.m. EDT: [Register and attend.](#)

Our [Data4Justice Conference](#) on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 10a.m. - 6p.m. EDT: Students, faculty, and staff at the U can [register](#) using the code "Data4JusticeGuest" for free registration.

OUR PROGRAMS PARTNERSHIP

The Office of Undergraduate Research is pleased to invite faculty and staff leading up research teams to join the OUR Programs Partnership.

Questions? Want to stay connected? Contact Megan Shannahan at our@utah.edu.