



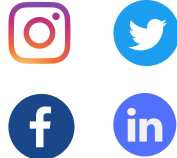
Office of  
**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Monthly updates from OUR team to yours!

**MAY 2022**



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## Message from the Director/Associate Dean

Dear OUR Community,

Congratulations to the class of 2022! Undergraduate research is a high impact experience, where we know that research collaborations that foster mentoring relationships among students, faculty, and staff, leads to career defining decisions, successful outcomes in graduate school placement, and graduation rates of 4.5 years at the University of Utah. Every semester, it is because of OUR community, all of you, that the University of Utah has a thriving research community as an R1 institution promoting cutting edge research. This academic year 136 students earned an Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation. And an academic year in review, OUR funded approximately 600 undergraduate researchers with UROP, SPUR, scholarships, and travel and small grants, educated 1,458 students, supported 582 presenters, advised 453 students, and outreached to 232,261 people. The success of OUR is illuminated in our commitment to supporting researchers in all 18 colleges, and we have successfully done so in programming, funding, and opportunities.

The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Awareness Month. It is an honor to lead with all of you as the first KoreXicana, Asian-Latina, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of OUR. During the spring 2022 semester, OUR funded 44 scholars (UROP and scholarships) and 22 SPUR scholars for summer 2022 who identify as Asian American, multi-racial Asian (Asian multi-racial with Black, White and Latina), and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. OUR undergraduate researchers are contributing to a range of fields working with faculty mentors in Business, Cultural & Social Transformation, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health, Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Social & Behavioral Science. Nearly 6% of the University of Utah student population identify as Asian American, Pacific Islander or Hawaiian. And OUR is committed to supporting our diverse students whose contributions to research encompass a range of topics including the brain, diabetes, statistical analysis, nanostructures, racism, oral history, mindfulness, marriage, and marketing, to name a few. Asian American faculty and staff who support all students may be found in the 18 colleges, faculty affiliates of the Asia Center, and partners of the Asian American Student Association.

With gratitude to OUR community and solidarity with the AAPI community, I wish everyone a celebratory May.

Annie Isabel Fukushima, Ph.D.  
Director, Office of Undergraduate Research  
Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

### OUR Small and Travel Grants

Available on a monthly basis to all undergraduates doing research

### Fulfills BF/AS Requirements Summer 2022 course

Registration deadline: May 25, 2022

### ENROLL IN OUR NEW SUMMER RESEARCH COURSE:

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE UGS 2950



For all undergraduates **new** to the university research environment.

Topics covered will include:

- role of research in the academy
- researcher roles and identities
- research communication
- ethics, organization
- reading and writing within disciplines
- equity and awareness in research
- professional and career development skills

## SAVE THE DATE!

The 2022 Summer  
Symposium will take place  
on Thursday, August 4, 2022  
from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in  
the Alumni House.

# Learning at the Cutting Edge of Research

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 SPUR SCHOLARS!

We're excited to welcome these students to our Summer Program for Undergraduate Research. The purpose of SPUR is to provide undergraduate students with an intensive research experience under the mentorship of a University of Utah faculty member. The program provides opportunities to gain research experience in a variety of disciplines.

We can't wait to see these students on May 25! See [our webpage](#) for more information about these participants and the projects they'll be working on. Attend our summer symposium in August to learn more about their research!

Brenda Acosta  
Camden Alexander  
Gabriel Baffour  
Sarah Bayardo  
Andrew Bergenthal  
Brielle Bingener  
Marco Castaneda  
Hope Caviness  
Jessica Cuello  
Rachel D'Agostini  
Sam Evans  
Natalia Garrido  
Jackie Gomez  
Naomi Guerrero Reyes  
Caden Hamrick  
Ellie Han  
Sarah Haysley  
Jake Hirst

Tom Kauffman  
Luke Kim  
Ananya Kumar  
Jordy Larrea Rodriguez  
Marlon Lopez  
Eliana Massey  
Norzom  
Tara Olson  
Monica Owens  
Catherine Petersen  
Audrey Pozernick  
Tejashree Prakash  
Kevin Ramos  
Jade Robinson  
Keaton Rosquist  
Mary Smith  
Olivia Vielstich  
Eleanor Wachtel

## REMINDERS & EVENTS

### Undergraduate Research Education Series

**Wed, May 25 @ 11am - 12pm**  
Research Participant Recruitment

**Fri, June 3 @ 12 - 1pm**  
How to Keep Up with Literature

**Thurs, June 9 @ 11:30am - 12:30pm**  
How to Read a Research Article

**Thurs, June 16 @ 11am - 12pm**  
Citation Management

**Mon, June 20 @ 11am - 12pm**  
Unsettling the Archive

**Mon, June 27 @ 12 - 1pm**  
Writing Abstracts

For full schedule of URES workshops this summer, please visit the [URES page](#).

If you received advising from our office this semester, please fill out our [feedback survey](#)!

### **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 hours for summer**

Wednesdays 3-4pm

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

Meeting ID: 981 7436 9226

Passcode: research

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORSHIP SURVEY FOR FACULTY

Dear Faculty Members and Administrators,

Please take this 15 minute survey for a national research study about faculty mentorship of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity (URSCA).

[https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1SteomQMsUwLg8J](https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SteomQMsUwLg8J)

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS!

Share your publication, presentation, and all other highlights with us! We want to feature your accomplishments on our [webpage](#).

<https://ugs.formstack.com/forms/highlights>