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OUR WELCOME – RESEARCH AS COALITION-BUILDING

I am honored to enter into the role of Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. The Office of Undergraduate Research is committed to fostering coalition through research.

Coalition in its basic definition includes a group that forms to work together – an action-oriented assembly of people. This is central to the OUR mission: to facilitate and promote undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and creative works in all disciplines throughout the University of Utah campus.

Research is vital to answering the fundamental questions that are needed to create change, find societal solutions, and resolve to create an equitable future. In this spirit of fostering research as coalition-building, OUR’s diverse-programming is illuminated in our Undergraduate Research Education Series and our commitment to the diverse students that make up our undergraduate population best described in the range of resources we offer to students: UROP, SPUR, and Small Grant and Travel Grant. OUR programming and activities create a community in coalition with our students and faculty through mentorship, advising, and resourcing.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

October 8 - SPUR mentor application deadline. More information and application @ https://our.utah.edu/spur/faculty-application/

October 20 - Deadline for students to apply to present at the NCUR-National Conference on Undergraduate Research. More information @ https://our.utah.edu/events/ncur/

October 31 - Deadline to apply to present at Research on Capitol Hill. More information and application @ https://our.utah.edu/events/roch-2022/

November 1 - Deadline for students to apply to present at the UCUR-Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research. More information @ https://our.utah.edu/events/ucur/

November 5 - Deadline to apply for Spring 2022 UROP @ https://our.utah.edu/urop/

OUR Small & Travel Grants available to all undergraduates doing research. Apply @ https://our.utah.edu/for-students/travel-small-grants/
I enter into this position with a commitment to witness on the side of the oppressed, and with intentionality that is termed by Maria Lugones, a decolonial feminist scholar, as creating “deep coalitions.” Here deep coalitions encourage us to go beyond the short-term interest-based alliances, to challenge our own self-understanding, interests and goals, to align together so that we all are committed to creating research opportunities for all students at the University of Utah.

I want to extend a deep appreciation to the OUR community - faculty, students, staff, and alumni - for your partnership with OUR. And share this message with an invitation to all of OUR community to be in coalition together to support undergraduate research at the U through continued mentorship of students, collaborative research, and creating opportunities for undergraduate researchers. And welcome OUR Undergraduate Leaders who are central to the collaborative work of our office.

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OUR REMINDERS

You can request a class presentation for the OUR to come talk to your class about getting involved in research and the OUR’s programs.

You can post your research opportunity to share with students. These posts go on our website’s front page, a database of available projects that students can search, and all of our social media pages!

Upcoming Events:
10/1 - How to Write an UROP Proposal (register for Zoom access)
10/5 - How to get started on Undergrad Research as a Transfer Student
Three Undergraduate Research Education Series workshops:
  • 10/5  Writing Abstracts (in-person)
  • 10/21 Literature reviews (in-person)
  • 10/28 Creating Effective Research posters (in-person)

Virtual drop-in advising hours with OUR Advisor
Wednesdays 3 - 4pm and Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30am
https://utah.zoom.us/j/98174369226
Meeting ID: 981 7436 9226
Passcode: research
Meet the Undergraduate Research Leaders

These students advise their peers on research involvement, as well as:

- Office outreach
- Student engagement
- Small & travel grant reviews
- Program development