Monthly updates from OUR team to yours!

APRIL 2022

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Undergraduate Research Leader
Join the OUR team as a peer-mentor!

OUR Small and Travel Grants
Available on a monthly basis to all undergraduates doing research

Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation
Deadline for spring graduates: April 26, 2022

UGS 2950: Undergraduate Research Experience
Summer 2022 course
Registration deadline: May 25, 2022

A WEEK OF CELEBRATING UNDERGRAD RESEARCH

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.

Check out the coverage of OUR in @theU!
**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**


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.